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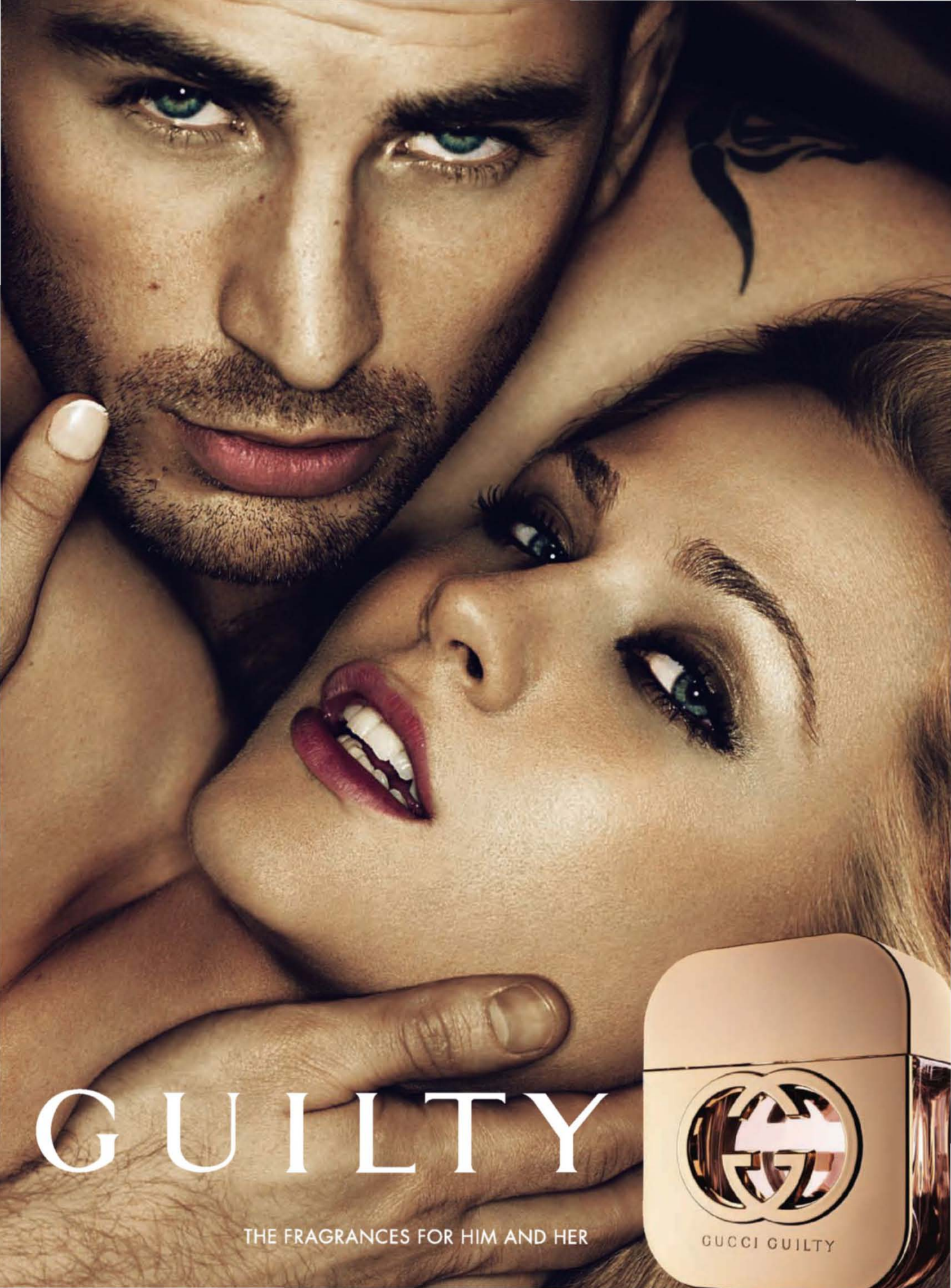
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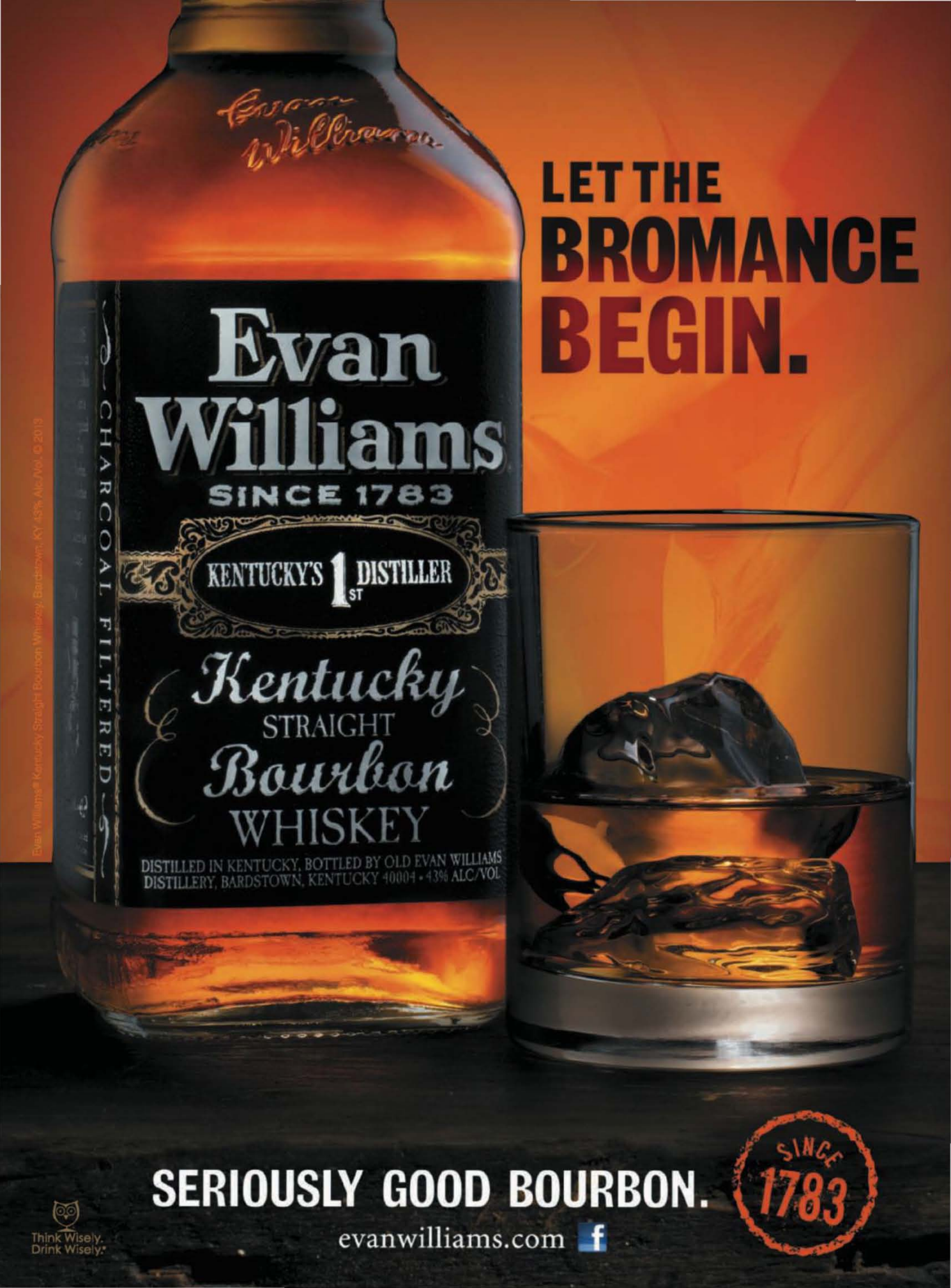
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Riled Up for Ronda

I am a huge Ronda Rousey fan, but I have to admit I am very upset with your cover. You guys airbrushed out the mole under her left eye. Would you airbrush Marilyn Monroe's mole? I think not.

—Mike Kleinstub, via e-mail

Two things: (1) We haven't "airbrushed" anything since the back of our jean jacket in 1987. (Man, that unicorn looked rad!) (2) You think we would risk our lives daring to alter a single hair on Ronda's head? She would murder us! Get a new pair of glasses, Mike, and take a closer look. Ronda's cute little beauty mark is very much present on the cover. Just don't get too close—it throws a devastating upper cut.

In your interview, Ronda states that she likes to have sex before a fight. "If it's available to me, then I'm all for it, but otherwise I'm kind of out of luck." Please inform her that I am always available for prefight sex, postfight sex, late-night sex, early-morning sex, midday sex, anything she needs!

—Jason Mulvany

We'd pass along your kind offer, but please see above re: Ronda murdering us.

Fightin' Words

I think Eva Marie is the hottest Diva since they were started. Torrie Wilson and Stacy Keibler will always top my list, but I think Eva M. is actually even hotter!

—Stephen Fox

Yes, no WWE body in motion has beguiled us more than that of the lovely Eva Marie (apologies to Jake the Snake).

Heavenly Bodies

So now that you've had both Jessica Biel and Mackenzie Rosman from *7th Heaven*, it should be Beverley Mitchell's turn! You've featured two of the Camden girls in *Maxim*. Why not go for all three? Come on—let's make this happen!

—Jeremy, via e-mail

The call is in! But if Beverley doesn't get back to us, would you be willing to settle for a sexy shoot with Happy the dog?

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—Raul Albano

Are you having a seizure right now?

Poor Hand Job

Correction for "Talk Like a Bartender" in September's How To. "Dick beaters" is indeed a derogatory term for hands or fingers, but it's a noun, not a verb. The correct usage would be, "That guy just put his dick beaters all over the pretzels."

—George Davis, via e-mail

For clarification, we asked Kara Vedder, a 13-year veteran of the hand-modeling biz (you've seen her fingers wrapped around a Bud Select 55, for example). She reports:

"I have heard the term dick beaters, *and here's my professional definition:* **dick beaters** *(noun): the hygiene-challenged hands of a chronic male masturbator. (For females, see also* cat slappers.*)*

"I once heard a producer say, 'He's no hand model—just take a look at those dick beaters!' I've also heard a director say, 'Scrub those dick beaters and get a manicure.' So, really, I've only heard it used as a noun, but I like how Maxim *turned it into a verb: 'That guy just dick-beatered the pretzels.' Hope that helps!"*

Hear that, George? We're both right! Dick-beater high-five!

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Dial-a-Reader

Reader **MIKE KACSIR** wrote us: "I don't care about rich/famous people like Snoop Dogg spending money. I care about people like me, a simple redneck who spent his last beer money on *Maxim*. Try doing a piece on everyday non-rich people like me. Be right back. Gotta get a beer." Our chief content officer called him.

DAN: Hey, Mike, so you didn't like the story where we followed Snoop as he drove around spending cash?
MIKE: I'm just a simple, down-home life-liver. I ain't got the money to go out, what Snoop Dogg's got. We work hard for our money.

Well, we gave him that money. So if we gave you the $848 instead, what would that night out be like?
First I'd pay off my bootlegger.

OK, how much is left?
Probably $800.

Then where are we going?
We're going to Red Lobster or Genghis Grill, something awesome. After that, hit the bowling alley.

Would we have beers there?
Definitely. You can't bowl without beer. I probably got $700 left after that. We'd rent a limo, fill it with my wife and kids and friends. Of course, it's got to be fully stocked.

Stocked with what?
Bud Light, about $200 worth.

So we probably have $300 left.
We got to get a babysitter because we're getting a motel room.

All of us or just you and your wife?
You, me, and the missus!

I like it! Can we use the last of the pennies for the vibrating bed?
Oh, yeah. I think that would work.

What do you normally do for fun?
I ride the four-wheeler around the woods. Hang out outside, drink some beer. Hang out inside, watch *Cops*, drink beer. That's what I was doing before you called.

Well, I'll let you get back to *Cops* and your beers. Thanks for reading!
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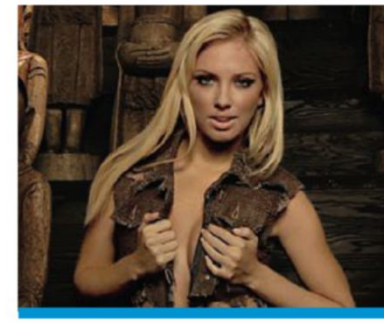

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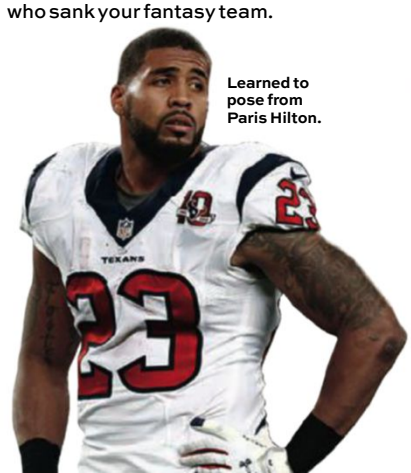

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Stevie Ryan

The giggle-maker of VH1's sketch comedy show *Stevie TV* is out to bludgeon your funny bone.

Hometown: Victorville, Calif.
Job: Actress
Astrological sign: Gemini

Three things I can't live without:
1. Your mom 2. My doggies 3. Tums

I'd be embarrassed if you looked in my car and saw my huge pack of old people bed pads. (They're cheaper than doggy wee pads).

The last thing that made me LMAO was Jose Canseco's Twitter feed.

My hidden talent is attracting weirdos wherever I go.

My spirit animal is Gary Busey.

If I named a sandwich after myself, I would call it Just the Tip and it would be asparagus tips, eggplant, and goat cheese on toasted bread.

The worst word in the universe is "conversate." It's CONVERSE!

A guy is more likely to get lucky with me if he drives a Segway.

My favorite way to get in trouble is smoking pot behind the middle school.

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"My chihuahua climbed inside our raw turkey. How can I get him out?"

"I cut my turkey in half with a chain saw. Do you know if the oil from the chain will affect it?"

"I washed my turkey with dish soap. How do I make it stop sudsing?"

"I left my leftover turkey on my balcony to cool, and a raccoon got at it. I managed to rip it away from him, but can I still eat it?"

"I've been thawing a turkey by running water over it in the shower for seven hours. That's OK, right?"

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Sneeze or Sex?

Swedish photographer Ulf Lundin snaps shots of people mid-sneeze. Can you tell which photos came from his portfolio and which…just came?

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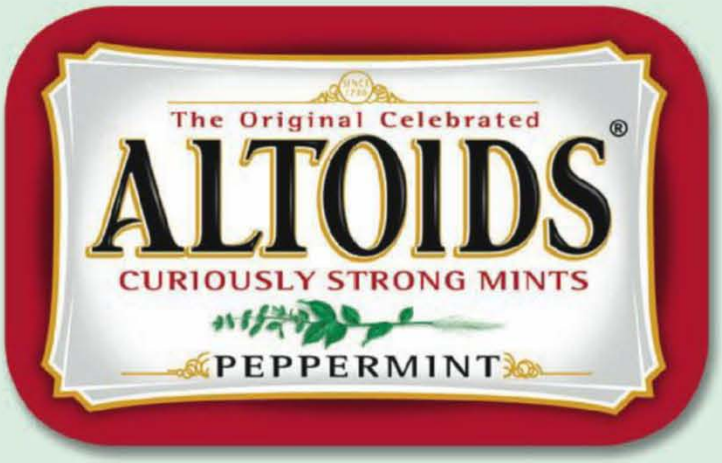

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SHAKE, RATTLE, AND TROLL

Anonymous Dick Move-o-Meter

Every Guy Fawkes Day (November 5), hacktivist group Anonymous honors the fallen rebel with revolutions that pursue truth, freedom, and lulz. Let's examine the ops of those behind the Fawkes masks. *by* JANET JAY

1. **Epilepsy Foundation Raid (2008)**
While trolling for lulz, the group allegedly infested forums on an Epilepsy Foundation Web site with links to flashing, strobing images in an attempt to trigger seizures. Many lulz occurred that day, which is also the sound of someone choking on their own tongue.

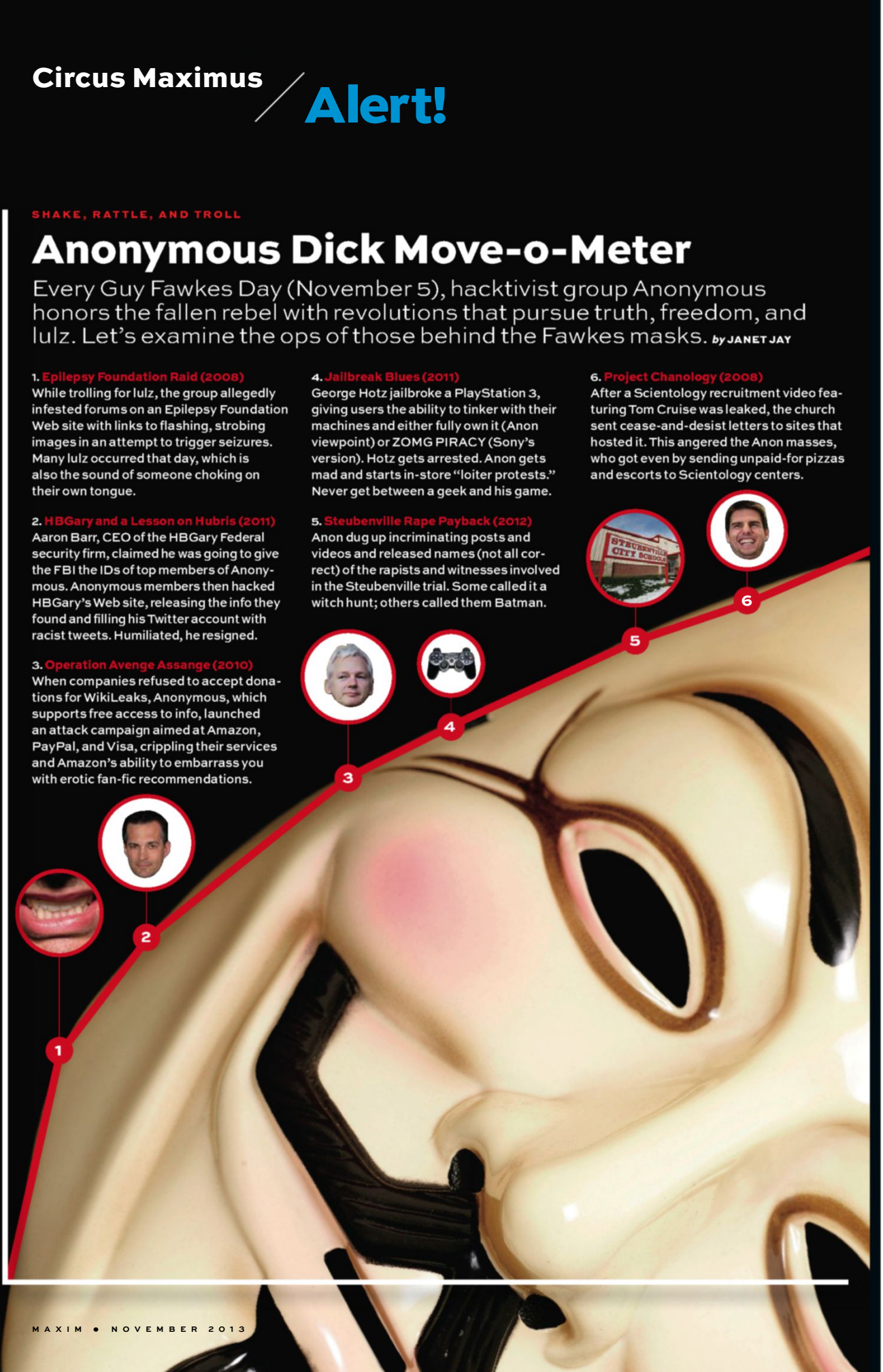
2. **HBGary and a Lesson on Hubris (2011)**
Aaron Barr, CEO of the HBGary Federal security firm, claimed he was going to give the FBI the IDs of top members of Anonymous. Anonymous members then hacked HBGary's Web site, releasing the info they found and filling his Twitter account with racist tweets. Humiliated, he resigned.

3. **Operation Avenge Assange (2010)**
When companies refused to accept donations for WikiLeaks, Anonymous, which supports free access to info, launched an attack campaign aimed at Amazon, PayPal, and Visa, crippling their services and Amazon's ability to embarrass you with erotic fan-fic recommendations.

4. **Jailbreak Blues (2011)**
George Hotz jailbroke a PlayStation 3, giving users the ability to tinker with their machines and either fully own it (Anon viewpoint) or ZOMG PIRACY (Sony's version). Hotz gets arrested. Anon gets mad and starts in-store "loiter protests." Never get between a geek and his game.

5. **Steubenville Rape Payback (2012)**
Anon dug up incriminating posts and videos and released names (not all correct) of the rapists and witnesses involved in the Steubenville trial. Some called it a witch hunt; others called them Batman.

6. **Project Chanology (2008)**
After a Scientology recruitment video featuring Tom Cruise was leaked, the church sent cease-and-desist letters to sites that hosted it. This angered the Anon masses, who got even by sending unpaid-for pizzas and escorts to Scientology centers.



Can Maxim Create a Best-Selling Taco Bell Gut Bomb?

Taco Bell dared us to invent a menu item in its test kitchen. They immediately regretted it. *by* PATRICK CARONE

Try Taco Bell's all-new Fiery Doritos Locos Tacos (we had nothing to do with them!).

1. Patrick presents a compelling argument for keeping sour cream guns off the streets.
2. What culinary delight would be complete without a generous helping of unfathomably hot ghost pepper powder?
3. Meet (or is it "meat"?) Patrick's work of insides-busting art, the Flamin' Hot Triple Taco *Maxim*-stravaganza!
4. Taco Bell's higher-ups look upon our creation in abject horror.

The crunchy shells, gooey cheese, and sweet meat from Taco Bell may not constitute a gourmet meal, but I'll be damned if there's anything I'd rather stuff in my fat face at 2 A.M. (sorry, White Castle). So you can only imagine my joy when I was dared to go to the fast-food giant's corporate headquarters to create my own menu item.

After arriving at the building—in a nondescript office park in Irvine, California—I met Liz Matthews, the company's chief food innovation officer. She showed me to a classroom complete with stadium-style seating and the same exact kitchen as every Taco Bell the world over. I saw all the ingredients I had to work with, from the three kinds of Doritos-dusted taco shells to the many different types of meat to the huge variety of sauces and toppings. I scrubbed my hands, threw on gloves, and got to work.

I had no plan for my menu item. Like a taco-meat-loving Mozart, I figured I'd find divine inspiration from the ingredients. And, boy, did I. First I crammed three different shells with meats (beef, chicken, and more beef). Then I put three different sauces on each of them, and topped 'em all with cheese, sour cream, ghost pepper powder, and Flamin' Hot Fritos. Finally, to complete my meaty symphony, I wrapped the whole thing in two giant tortillas. I named my masterpiece the Flamin' Hot Triple Taco *Maxim*-stravaganza and took a huge bite. Delicious! When I showed it to Liz, however, she looked less than enthused.

"We *were* going to put your product in front of our consumers," she said, "but I feel like we just can't." Ouch. Why? "It's really not portable, and there are a lot of flavors going on." Is that the only problem? Of course not. "We do things pretty fast, and that took a long time to build," she explained. "A typical taco takes 13 seconds; you took five minutes." Well, at least the name's cool… right? "It's a lot of words to say at the drive-through. Sorry."

Unfortunately, it seems that the Flamin' Hot Triple Taco *Maxim*-stravaganza won't be making it to a Taco Bell near you anytime soon. Like Icarus of Greek mythology, I flew just a little too close to the sun (or, in this case, the heat lamps).

Got a dare for us? Tweet it to @MaximMag.

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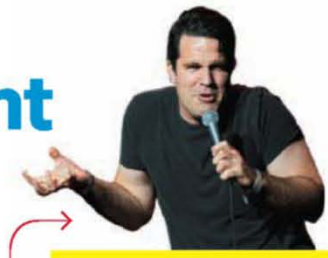
The Hunger Games vs. Black Friday

Which violent event are you less likely to survive this month: *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* or the biggest shopping day of the year? by ADAM LINEHAN

HUNGER GAMES	vs.	BLACK FRIDAY
Being killed in any death-by-weapon scenario imaginable.	DANGERS	Being shot, stabbed, trampled...basically, any death scenario imaginable.
"At some point you have to stop running and turn around and face whoever wants you dead."—*Katniss*	OVERHEARD	"I saved $100 on a computer. I've spent $100,000 on medical bills."—*Walmart patron after '05 trampling*
Philip Seymour Hoffman in sequins.	VILLAINS	Soccer moms with fanny packs.
Food for their starving district and a brand-new house.	ULTIMATE PRIZE	A deeply discounted bread maker nobody on Earth wants.
When nobody is looking, slip into a hole and stay there until everyone else has killed one another. Then reemerge to be crowned champion!	SURVIVAL METHODS	Head to the cutlery section and build a suit of armor out of soup spoons. Then use steak knives to fend off any angry Rascal jockeys.
A bellyful of rat meat.	SUSTENANCE	A bellyful of Cinnabons.

WINNER **Black Friday.** Nothing could be worse than taking your last breath on the sticky, pee-stained floor of Toys"R"Us.



Extremely Short Excerpts... and Even Shorter Reviews

THE ALBUM

"They say that love is powerful as cough syrup and Styrofoam/All I know is I fell asleep and woke up in that Monte Carlo/With the ugly Kardashian/Lamar, oh sorry, yo we done both set the bar low."
—Eminem, from "Berzerk" on *The Marshall Mathers LP 2*
It's great that the bratty old Em is back, but when it comes to Kardashians, Khloé is too easy a target.

THE BOOK

"I stopped wetting the bed while sober at the age of 12. I wet the bed while drunk until I was 25. I first got drunk at 12, though, so that tacked on another 13 years of waking up wrapped in piss-soaked sheets."
—Rob Delaney, from *Mother. Wife. Sister. Human. Warrior. Falcon. Yardstick. Turban. Cabbage.*
The king of Twitter's memoir is full of mortifying revelations that'll make you feel better about yourself.

THE MOVIE

"My name is Jordan Belfort. The year I turned 26, I made $49 million, which really pissed me off, because it was three shy of a million a week."
—Leonardo DiCaprio, from *The Wolf of Wall Street*
Martin Scorsese directing Leo as a coke-addled master of the universe? Take our money now!

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Team Mascot

Apologies to the green M&M, but we've got the hottest mascot around.

11 A.M. Bic Man just totally inked himself.

2 P.M. Sadly, no one was harmed by the point-blank T-shirt blast.

4 P.M. He never washed that wrist guard again.

RÉSUMÉ

NAME
Jennifer

BIRTHDAY
June 12

HOMETOWN
New York City

SECRET TALENT
Belly dancing

GIRL CRUSH
Adriana Lima

MOST EMBARRASSING IPOD SONG
"Wannabe" by the Spice Girls

What do you think of the *Maxim* mascot outfit?
Well, half of it is goofy and the other half is sexy, so I think it definitely fits the brand!

Do you think you had a positive effect on the guys in the office?
Yeah, everything from the neck down may have been a little distracting for the employees, but it did cheer them up. And that's the point of a mascot: to boost morale and get people amped.

Apart from your mere presence, how did you accomplish that?
Just cheering everybody on with pom-poms, throwing glitter and shooting T-shirts out to the staff, dancing like a fool—all the traditional mascot duties, I guess.

Did any editors look particularly depressed before you got here?
I don't know how you could be sad in this office. Everyone is so laid-back, and there are scantily clad models running around and bottles of liquor; it doesn't really even look like work.

Can you not tell our boss that? What's the worst job you've ever had?
I once had to pass out flyers on the street for a medical office. It was a really awful experience. Everyone would hurry past and ignore me.

That's very difficult for us to believe, but this outfit may have come in handy!
Exactly—specifically the bottom half. I don't know if the medical office would be packed, but I'd definitely be out of flyers!

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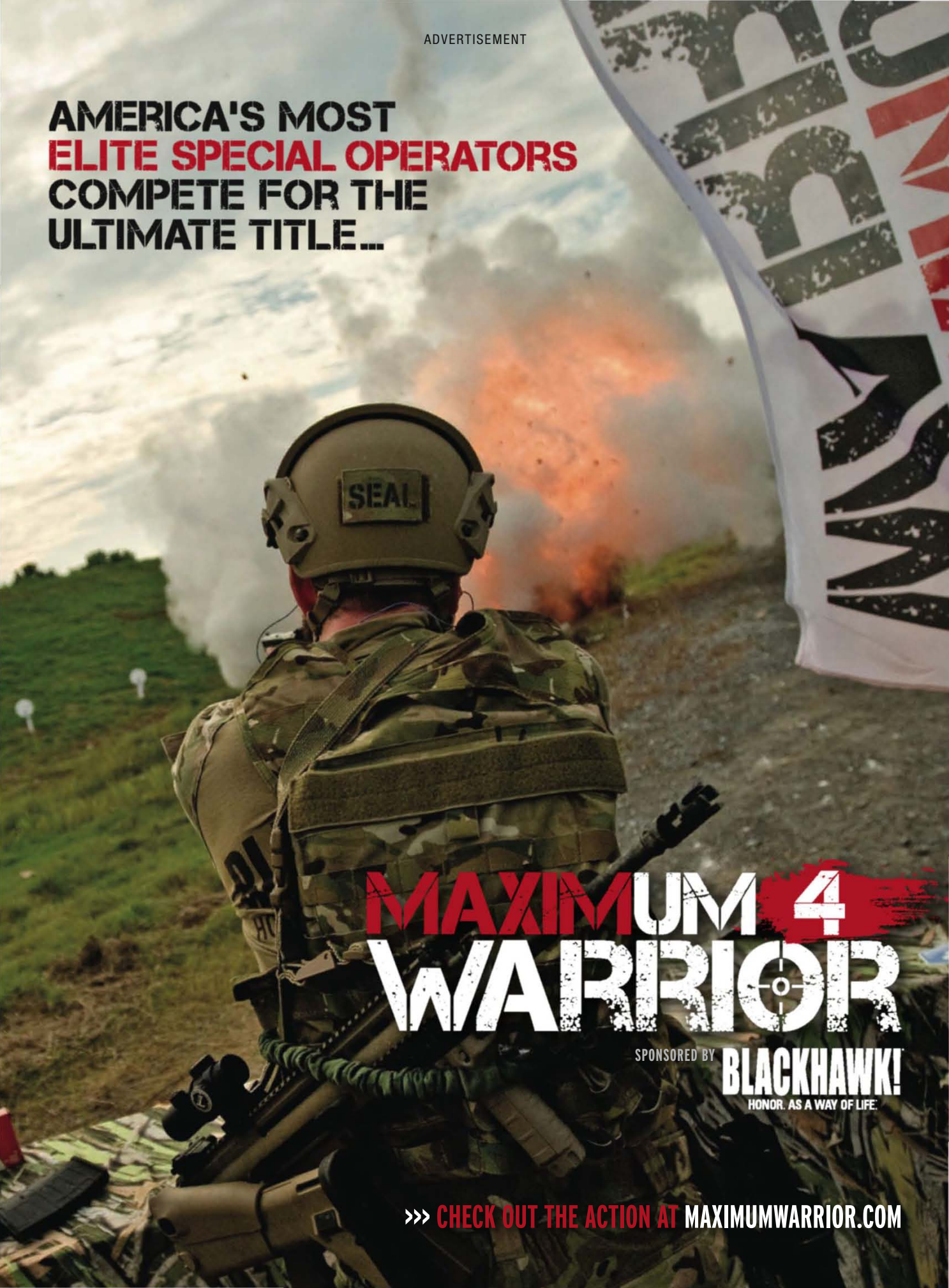

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T-day sides you can suck down with a straw.

PUMPKIN PIE
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Happy Thanks Drinking!

JUSTIN FAIRWEATHER, the principal operator and barkeep at N.Y.C.'s Evelyn, whipped up this bourbony turkey day cocktail so you'll have at least one thing to be grateful for.

CHERRY GOBBLER
"Cherries, cinnamon, the vanilla of the Galliano, and, of course, a nice bourbon are flavors that come together and embody the spirit of the season," says Fairweather. "Even if you don't have a turkey spread in front of you, this drink will transport you to that state of mind."

- 1¾ oz. bourbon
- ¾ oz. cherry-cinnamon syrup*
- ¾ oz. lemon juice
- ¼ oz. Galliano L'Autentico liqueur

Shake all ingredients together with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a cherry and a sprinkle of cinnamon dust.

Cherry-Cinnamon Syrup
In a saucepan, combine two cups sugar, two cups water, and six cinnamon sticks. Bring to a boil until sugar is dissolved; remove from heat. Let steep for 20 minutes, then remove cinnamon. Add 15 pitted cherries, blend in a blender, fine-strain, and store.

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24 Hours to Live

Chris Hardwick

Here's how the host of (deep breath) *@Midnight*, *Talking Dead*, and *Nerdist* plans to unplug.

How do you want to go?
A kindly old lady shows up at my bedside and says, "It's time to go, dear." I take her hand, and we start walking across the Earth to get to the afterlife. When we arrive at the Himalayas, I suddenly shove her down the mountain while shouting, "San Dimas High School football rules!" Then, while running screaming and naked to the nearest Pizza Hut, I am suffocated by an avalanche of orgasms. Or something similar to that.

Will you be going to heaven or hell, and why?
Moments before I die, my consciousness will be uploaded to the Internet. So I guess the latter.

***@Midnight*, your new show, is a comedic rapid-fire game show inspired by social media. Do you think there's Facebook in the afterlife?**
Probably. I'm sure Zuckerberg will figure out a way to monetize the afterlife. Unfortunately there won't be a way to die *again* to escape an eternity of cloud check-ins. "I GET IT, JESUS. You're the Mayor of God. Take it easy…"

What would be your first tweet from hell?
"Looks a lot like a message board."

Who do you think has more Twitter followers, God or the devil?
Justin Bieber has 45 million followers. The American Red Cross has a million. What do you think?

Was there anyone on Earth you wanted to punch in the face?
That son of a bitch Lucius Malfoy!

What deceased person would you most love to have on the *Nerdist* podcast?
Benjamin Franklin: "SERIOUSLY what the fuck is a 'stitch in time'??"

While you were alive, what did you spend the most money on?
Doctor Who T-shirts.

Deathbed confession: Did anyone actually ever find true love on *Singled Out*?
I'm happy to confess that in life. No.

Which *Singled Out* cohost would you rather spend eternity with, Jenny McCarthy or Carmen Electra?
I only get one? It doesn't seem fair to choose. Can I sew their ghosts together or something? Like a wraith quilt?

What woman did you always want to sleep with?
I would have a three-way with 1950s Lucille Ball and Olivia Newton-John from *Xanadu*.
YEAH-H-H-H-H!
A TIME ORGY!!!

If you could come back and spy on someone who's still alive, who would it be and why?
I wouldn't spy on anyone, because I'm not a filthy creeper, you jerk!

What's the wildest thing you ever did while you were alive?
Well, this one time I answered a bunch of existential questions in a magazine that had mostly half-naked ladies in it.

What are people saying over your casket?
"Try to host an after-show for THIS, asshole."

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Ask Maxim

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Can a magnet destroy my cell phone?

—Ryan Cox

Physics professor Tom Troland at the University of Kentucky tells us that nearly all electronics today have magnets inside them, so the chances are slim that any device would be damaged by them. "But don't turn this into a science fair project," he warns. "If you bought the strongest magnet you could afford and put it next to your phone or magnetic-strip credit cards, they could get destroyed." Sadly, that's not the reason your card keeps getting declined.

Why does the smell of poop linger for so long?
—Eric D.

'Cause your nose is always looking for that sweet stink. Humans are programmed to recognize the smell of poo. "The ability to sense hydrogen sulfide, the gas produced in feces, is to encourage avoidance of waste, which may carry disease," explains Marc I. Leavey, M.D., at Mercy Medical Center. And that's the scoop on poop!

Can I faint while sleeping?
—Michael Daigneault

"No," says Michael Grandner, Ph.D., clinical psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania. "Sleep is already a state of unconsciousness, so it's impossible to lose consciousness during it. Even in cases of interrupted breathing, the body triggers responses to reengage the breathing systems." Pass the smelling salts—we feel lightheaded just thinking about it.

Bar Trivia

FIFTY

Percentage increase in calls to the plumbing chain Roto-Rooter the day after Thanksgiving. Take it easy on the stuffing, people!

6.2 Percentage of cosmetic buttock procedures that were performed on men in 2012.

1:3 Ratio of men who lie about having kids on their online dating profiles. Daddy hates you!

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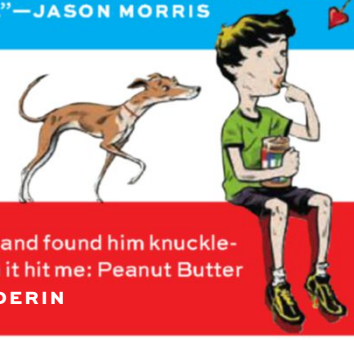
Jokes

A husband and wife are watching a TV program about psychology, explaining the phenomenon of "mixed emotions." The husband turns to his wife and says, "Honey, that is a bunch of crap. I bet you can't tell me anything that will make me happy and sad at the same time." She says, "Out of all your friends, you have the biggest dick."—**JASON MORRIS**



Yesterday I walked into my son's room and found him knuckle-deep in peanut butter. And that's when it hit me: Peanut Butter is a stupid name for a dog!—**PAUL H. DERIN**

"My boyfriend wanted to be a lawyer, but he could never pass the bar," one blonde tells another. "I understand," her friend replies. "I used to date an alcoholic, too."—**PATRICK WALKER**

See if your funny bone is bigger than ours. Send your funnies to jokes@maxim.com or tweet #MaximJokes.

Grandpa's Dirty Joke

Cue the eye rolls and the uncomfortable squirming.

At a marriage retreat, Amy and John are told to write a sentence using the words *sex* and *love*. Amy writes, "When two mature people are in love, the act of sex is an expression of spiritual union." John writes, "I love sex."

Twisdom

Tweets to live by.

Seth MacFarlane
@SethMacFarlane
The Eskimos may have 100 words for snow, but we have 200 words for cocaine. Including "snow."

Beat This Caption

"Where's the bathroom? This live kangaroo burrito is coming right out of me!"

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SEPTEMBER'S WINNER:
Donald Trump has finally erected a building in his own likeness.
—Jeff Skinner

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HOW TO

Her wedding registry: brains, brains, and a lemon zester from Williams-Sonoma.

Make It With the Undead

When we sent *Maxim*'s "Best of the Week" host **MARISA HUNTER** to be transformed from superhottie to killer zombie, we persuaded a special effects artist to anonymously spill insider secrets for spilling fake guts.

MAKE A MESS
"The zombie look is great because even with all the layers of latex and prosthetics, you can get away with messing up. You're supposed to look as nasty as possible anyway. And you don't need tons of blood. Whenever they put a lot of blood on makeup, it's usually to hide the flaws."

HANDLE THE DIVAS
"I did a job with an actress for a magazine where they wanted to make her look as if she had aged. I'm 10 minutes into applying her makeup, and she starts saying, 'I can't do it.' They ended up Photoshopping it and sent me home! Just make sure you don't walk out without getting paid."

GET BLOODY ON A BUDGET
"If you don't have access to prosthetics to make a mouthpiece, I suggest taking food coloring and mixing it up into a black solution. Your teeth will turn gray, and it'll make your gums black. Just be warned that it's temporary. With your saliva it will burn right through in minutes."

FORGET HALLOWEEN
"You would be surprised how many girls actually like getting made up to look ugly. For me, though, when it comes to Halloween night, I don't even bother getting dressed up. I don't think any makeup artist does. To be honest, I hate wearing that shit."

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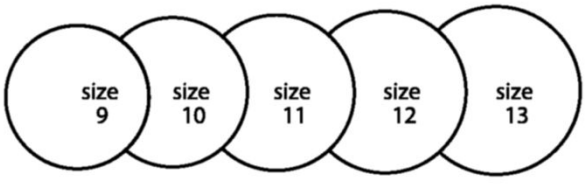

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1. Turkey
2. Turkey sausage mixture
3. Prosciutto
4. Chicken
5. Chicken sausage mixture
6. Prosciutto
7. Duck
8. Bratwurst
9. Pancetta

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tbs. each sage and rosemary, chopped
- 25 sage leaves
- 1 bunch parsley
- 1 tsp. garlic, chopped
- 1 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 (25 lb.) turkey, partially deboned and open-faced
- 2 lbs. turkey sausage, casings removed
- 2 lbs. prosciutto di Parma, sliced thin
- 1 (4 lb.) chicken, deboned and open-faced
- **2 lbs. chicken sausage, casings removed**
- (9 oz.) smoked duck breast
- 2 lbs. uncooked bratwurst, casings removed
- 5 lbs. pancetta, sliced thin
- 5 garlic cloves
- Carrots, celery, and onion

1 Combine rosemary, sage, and parsley in a blender. Add the garlic and blend with olive oil until smooth.

2 Open turkey cavity and season the inside with salt and pepper. Brush in herb-garlic mixture.

3 Spread turkey sausage inside to form a thin layer, then cover entire area with layers of prosciutto.

4 Place chicken inside the turkey and brush it with the herb-garlic mixture.

5 Spread chicken sausage on top in a thin layer, then cover the area with more prosciutto.

6 Cover duck breast with a thick layer of the bratwurst, then place it on top of chicken.

7 Carefully begin to close the turkey by pulling each side up, basically making the bird whole again. Then tie it shut with kitchen twine, almost as if you were sewing clothing.

8 Wrap entire bird with pancetta and put in a large roasting pan with peeled garlic cloves and chopped carrots, celery, and onion.

9 Roast your turducken at 350°F until it reaches an internal temperature of 160°F (about four hours covered). Let it rest for about 20 minutes, then slice into your delicious meat monster!

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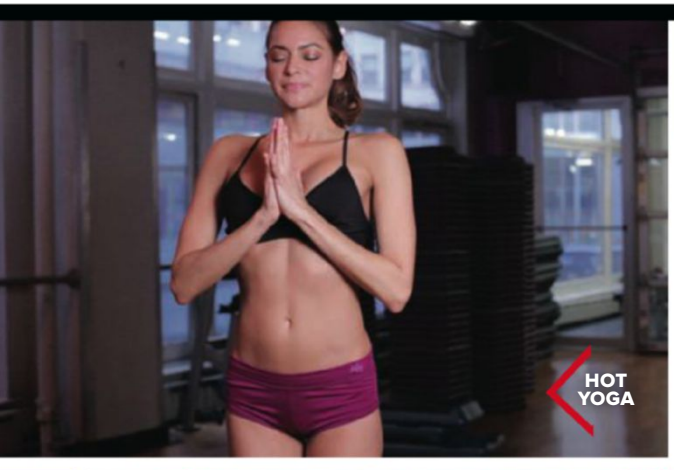

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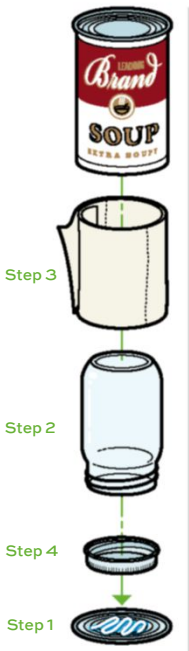

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Make a Secret Soup Safe

Hide your valuables in plain sight. And bust out the crackers while you're at it.

Supplies:
- 1 empty soup can
- 1 small glass jar with twist-off cap (marmalade works well)
- Paper towels
- Can opener
- Hot-glue gun

1. Remove the bottom of a soup can. Empty or eat the contents; actually, eat the damn soup. Wash can out and let it dry. Don't discard the bottom.
2. Make sure the marmalade jar fits inside the can. Empty or eat the contents (peanut butter and a fuckload of jelly, anyone?). Clean it.
3. Wrap a paper towel around the jar so it sits snugly inside the can.
4. Hot-glue the can bottom to the center of the jar lid.
5. Screw it so bottom of can returns to its original location. It's complete! Nothing suspicious about a can of soup in your bedroom.

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A female career agent.

Roscoe
A hand gun.

Ninja
A SWAT teamer who's dressed and ready to go.

Rent-a-Goons
Agents from other offices on loan to help on a specific case.

"More Roast Beef"
Expression said when an agent flashes credentials to get more info.

"Makeup case closed."

Not Get Eaten by a Dog

VICTORIA STILWELL of *It's Me or the Dog* on dealing with someone's overprotective best friend.

Skip Surprise Visits
"Most fatal dog bites occur on its owner's property. If you show up unexpectedly, the dog may become very protective of its yard or its caregiver."

No Means No
"When a dog is barking and retreating from you, it's warning you that it's scared. If you continue to go closer, you're asking for trouble. But if you turn around and run away, the dog may become confident and decide to chase you."

Think Dinosaurs
"If the dog is coming toward you, just stand completely still and don't look or talk to it at all. If it continues to approach, roll up into a ball on the ground with your hands around your neck for protection."

Drop Your Crap
"If the dog is snapping at you and you have a bag, place it between the two of you to create a barrier, which gives you time to back away."

Play Peekaboo
"If you're actually being attacked, immobilize the dog by covering its eyes with your coat. Some dogs won't respond to being hit, but as soon as their vision is cut off they get disoriented, which can cause them to release."

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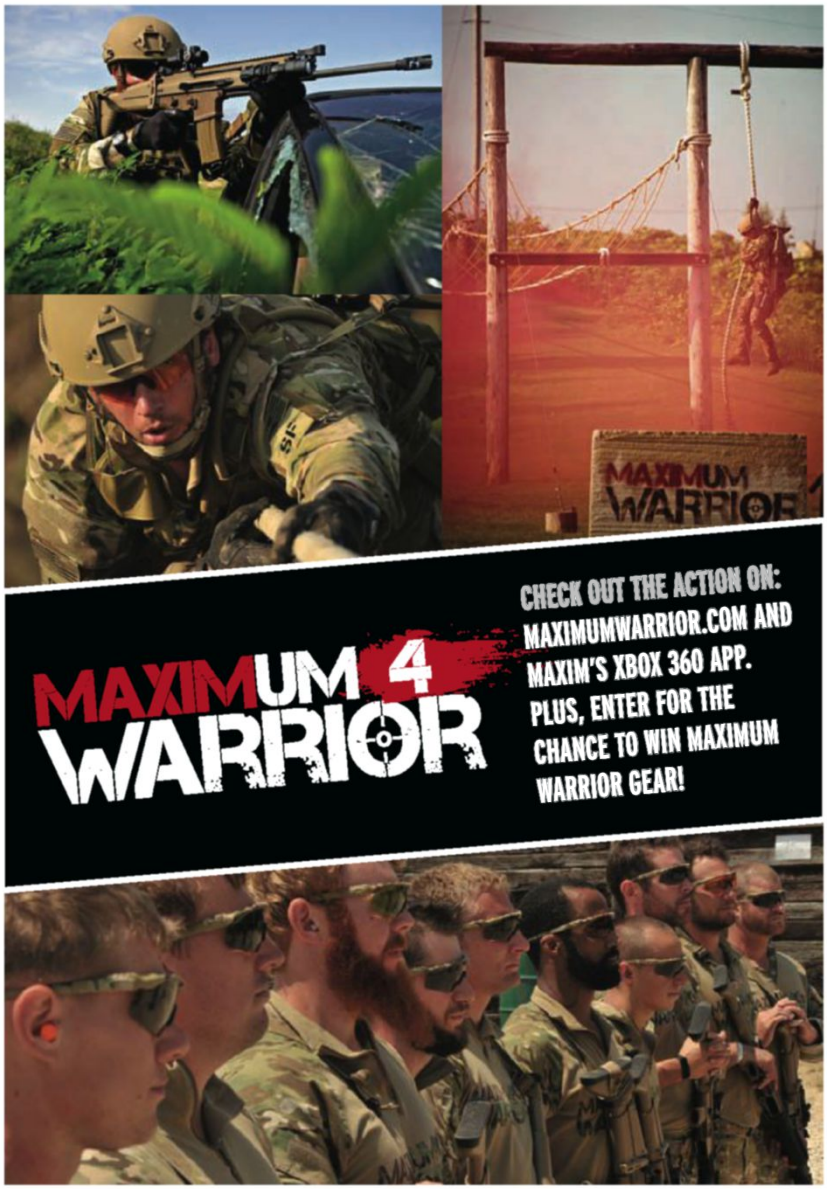
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ALFA ROMEO 4C

If you're one of the most storied sports car makers in history, you don't come half-assed when plotting a return of international proportion. Say *buongiorno* to the 4C, a mid-engined, rear-wheel-drive piece of rolling Italian art that will be Alfa Romeo's first major U.S. rollout in almost 20 years. Founded way back in 1910, the legendary automaker comes from a racing tradition like no other. (Let's put it this way: One of its top drivers from back in the day was a fellow named Enzo Ferrari, who went on to start a little car company of his own.) Fast-forward 103 years and Alfa's tradition of speed, sexiness, and something else that starts with an "s" continues to grow. Now, this comeback model may have only four cylinders, but a turbocharger and an extremely lightweight carbon frame—the car is 2,100 pounds—translate to an almost unheard-of power-to-weight ratio of 1 hp/8.8 pounds. (That's extremely good, trust us.) Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo. Wherefore art thou Alfa Romeo?

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ELECTRIC DREAMS

It could definitely play the evil car in a Pixar movie.

SPEC CHECK

BASE PRICE
$1.15 million

ENGINE
3.8-liter twin-turbo V-8 with electric motor

HORSEPOWER
727

TORQUE
531 lb.-ft.

0–60
2.9 seconds

TOP SPEED
217 mph

MCLAREN P1

They've only been making production cars since the mid-2000s, but British automaker McLaren has been building some of the winningest Formula 1 racers since the '60s. (If you saw *Rush*, it's what James Hunt drove to take down mighty Ferrari.) The P1 is powered by a twin-turbo V-8 mated to an F1-style kinetic energy recovery hybrid boost system. We don't know what that means, either, but we do get arriving at 60 mph in under three seconds.

TESLA MODEL S

The term *game-changing* is thrown around quite a bit, so when something revolutionary arrives, you really need to stand on the rooftops and shout. Well, picture us on your house bellowing at the top of our lungs. The Model S is for real. It's fully electric, has a range of 265 miles, and goes 0–60 just as fast as a BMW M5...all in nearly silent style. Hey, automotive world, bow down to your new electric leader.

HONDA CIVIC HYBRID

While the Prius may be the eco-friendly MVP thanks to celebrity fans—tip of the cap, Larry David—with an edgier look, a redesigned interior, and better body control compared with last year's, the Civic Hybrid gets our vote for most improved. Its 111 mph top speed won't leave anyone in the dust, but you'll sleep better knowing that chunk of ice some polar bear is balancing on isn't melting because of you.

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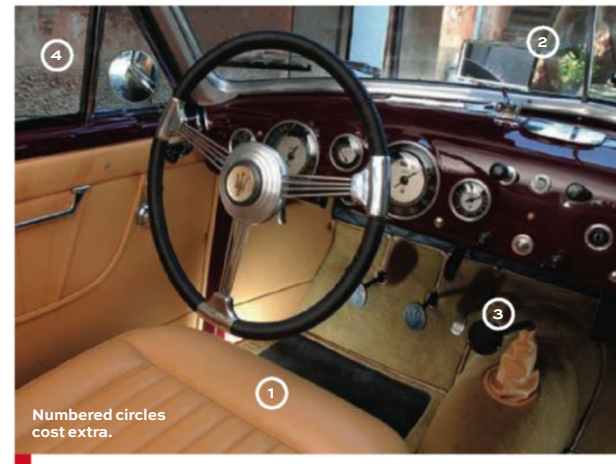
MINI COOPER S CONVERTIBLE

We've been telling women for years that bigger isn't always better. It seems that the good folks at Mini couldn't agree more. Strapped with a free-revving 1.6-liter turbocharged engine and 181 horses, this little puppy moves. Combine that with some of the tightest handling in the game and you've got a car that's quick, agile, and a total blast to pilot…despite the fact that you look like a character from *Mario Kart*.



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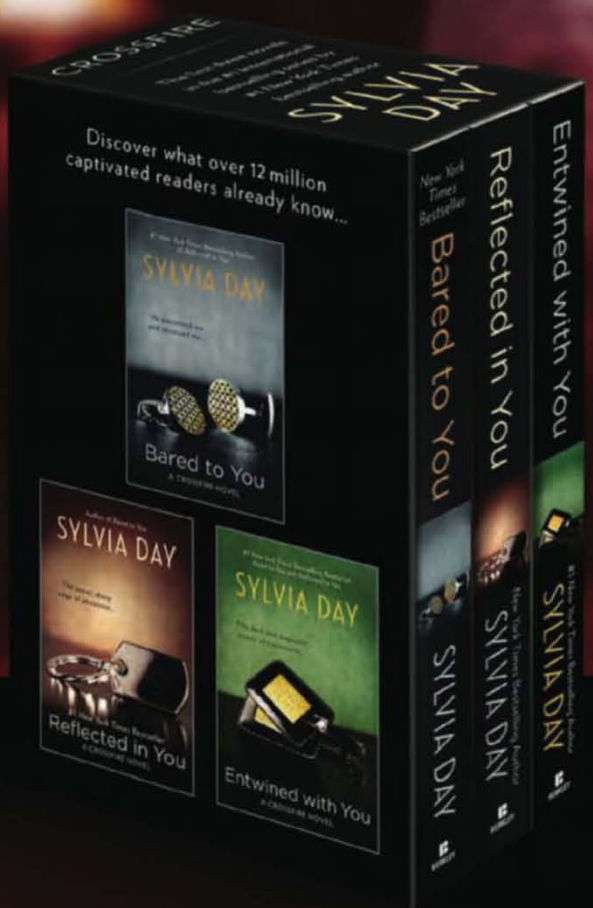

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AUDI RS7

Germans love high-performance auto divisions almost as much as they love poo-poo porn. BMW has M, Mercedes has AMG, and Audi has RS, or its "Racing Sport" wing. The souped-up version of its A7 five-door hatchback truly delivers on both the "R" and the "S." A comically powerful 4.0-liter twin turbocharged V-8 churns out an unholy 560 horses. Did you just poo-poo yourself? Film it!

MAZDA6 2.2L CLEAN DIESEL

Like crack, diesels developed a bad rep back in the '80s. They were slow, made weird noises, and put out more stinky exhaust than a contestant at a burrito-eating contest. Well, times have changed. Today's diesels are clean, get hybrid-like mileage, and have sick torque. Our favorite example sits in the Mazda6, a sleek, affordable sedan that gets about 40 mpg and, rumor has it, 310 lb.-ft. of twist.

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NISSAN JUKE NISMO

It kind of resembles a pissed-off amphibian, but the Juke Nismo is a low-cost, high-fun alternative to your standard SUV, and its unique look just might get you more tail than the average old toad. This "cross-sport" is roomy for its size and speedy for its weight. Our favorite part? It comes standard with a manual, which makes this a real driver's drive.

You're only allowed to park like this if your car costs more than a house.

The Maxim Test-Drive Checklist

We drove a **Lamborghini Gallardo LP 550-2** Spyder, and here's what we learned (besides that we no longer want to live without it).

IN THE CITY
Think New Yorkers are supercynical assholes? Well, they are, but not when it comes to a Lamborghini roaring down Park Avenue. Grandmothers cheered, children applauded, and construction workers gave thumbs-ups. So this is what it's like to be an attractive person!

ON THE HIGHWAY
Know what's terrifying? People honking at you out of nowhere while you're trying to handle an insane 550 hp beast. Know what's fun? Getting to the speed limit in four seconds flat.

IN THE PARKING LOT
Wherever you go in a $250,000 Lambo, you are a VIP. Once you finally make it into the restaurant after giving everyone in the parking lot a photo op, you are immediately greeted by the owner. You're annoyed he doesn't give you free apps.

WITH THE LADIES
Often you'll hear women say things like "I like a funny guy" or "just be yourself." After spending an evening standing with this car in front of a bar on the Upper East Side, we now believe that these women are liars.

AT THE DRIVE-THROUGH
The Gallardo is extremely low, so expect to reach up to the gawking cashier when grabbing your Whopper. Also, there is only one cup holder, so you'll have to tell your passenger to suck it up and hold their Fanta between their legs. Chilly!

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BMW 435I

Unlike many carmakers, BMW has a model-naming system that makes sense. Even casual car enthusiasts know the 3 is the small one, the 5 is the midsize one, and the 7 is the big boy. So why is it introducing a whole new number? What is this, math class? Well, think of the 4-series as a sportier version of the 3-series. In other words, a sportier version of what is widely regarded as the world benchmark of midsize cars. Fine, BMW, your new number adds up.

FORD FIESTA ST

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The timepiece that works twice as hard. The ***Colossus Hybrid Chronograph*** will keep you on schedule, but it's about much more than time. The imposing case features a rotating gunmetal bezel that frames the silver, black and yellow face. You'll find a battalion of digital displays on the dial arranged behind a pair of luminescent hands and a bold yellow second hand. Powered by a precise quartz movement, the watch is doubly accurate in analog and digital mode.

The ***Colossus*** is packed with plenty of handy extras including a bright green EL back-light for enhanced nighttime visibility, a tachymeter along the outer dial and a full complement of alarms and split-second countdown timers. It secures with a folded steel bracelet that highlights a row of striking dark center links. It's a rugged watch that's more than ready for your daily grind.

More watch for less money. Big-name watchmakers raise their prices because they can get away with it. But Stauer wants to turn luxury on its head. We sent the ***Colossus Hybrid*** to an independent appraiser who works with auction houses, luxury estate sales and insurance companies. He valued the watch at $199.* We thanked him for his professional opinion and then ignored it. Because we still want you to wear it for **ONLY $49**.

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Northwind down vest, *$99, eddiebauer.com*
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Comet shirt, *$118, lifeafterdenim.com*

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Burton
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Lovely Lacey

FROM *PARTY OF FIVE* TO *MEAN GIRLS*, LACEY CHABERT HAS HAD US CRUSHING HARD FOR YEARS. NOW SHE'S GOT A SLEW OF PROJECTS UP HER SEXY SLEEVE, AND WE'RE SMILING FROM EAR TO EAR.

by **PATRICK CARONE**

photographs by **STEPHAN WÜRTH**

Lingerie
The Little Bra Company
Earrings
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Bra
Pleasure State

(opening spread)
Lingerie
Bradelis New York
Denim shirt
Bella Dahl
Necklace
Melinda Maria
Earrings
Marcia Moran

Should you ever be lucky enough to meet the sinfully cute Lacey Chabert in person, don't ask her if she still plays the violin like Claudia, the tween orphan she portrayed on *Party of Five*, or if she's still trying to make "fetch" happen like Gretchen, the high school hottie she played in *Mean Girls*. Fact is, she's bombarded with these questions approximately one million times a day. (Thanks, Twitter!) So what *should* you do if you run into the hard-working, hard-bodied 31-year-old Mississippi girl? "Just be funny and easygoing," she tells us. Want to learn more? Read on!

I'M A NICE GIRL NEXT
DOOR, BUT I LOVE A GOOD
WEEKEND IN VEGAS.

STYLING, MARIA DIVARIS/CLOUTIER REMIX; HAIR, KRISTIN HEITKOTTER/CELESTINE AGENCY USING ORIBE; MAKEUP, SARAH LUCERO USING STILA COSMETICS; MANICURE, TRACEY SUTTER/CLOUTIER REMIX

Gretchen was intent on making the word *fetch* into slang for *cool*. She was never able to, but the White House recently tweeted a picture of the Obamas' dog with the caption, "Bo, stop trying to make fetch happen." Do you feel a sense of victory?
I have to say that was pretty awesome. I retweeted it and said, "OK, fetch has officially happened." I mean, it's the White House! People tweet me all the time, "Are you still trying to make fetch happen?" I never thought people would still be quoting *Mean Girls* 10 years later.

Well, the movie is part of the teen-movie pantheon at this point, like *Heathers*, *Clueless*, and every single John Hughes movie.
I understand why. Whether you're in high school, have been in high school, or, unfortunately, even if you're an adult, some of those dynamics do exist. So I feel like it's the kind of movie people will always be able to relate to.

Now, in real life you don't seem like a mean girl at all.
No, I'm not a mean girl. Life is too short. I think we all have our own path, and to ever compare your life to someone else's is really such a waste of time.

You sound well-balanced for a former kid star. How have you avoided going off the deep end like certain *Mean Girls* costars whose names we need not mention?
Look, life is tough, and growing up in this business is especially tough. So I really can't take any credit other than saying I grew up in a really protective family. Also, I want a long-lasting career, so you're not gonna find me doing anything scandalous anytime soon.

Bra
Studio La Perla
Shorts
Brulee
Cardigan
Eileen Fisher
Ring
Kami Lerner
Cuff
Melinda Maria
Earrings
Carla Amorim

(opposite page)
Lingerie
Mimi Holliday
Jewelry
Marcia Moran

Except, perhaps, this shoot. You look incredible, by the way. What's your secret?
I got the big call from *Maxim* and then immediately put down the cupcake and ran to the gym. When you're gonna be on the cover of *Maxim* in your underwear, you work out and try to eat healthy.

We asked Andrew Dice Clay if he still has his leather jackets and Heather Graham if she has Rollergirl's skates, so we ask you: Do you still have Claudia's violin?
I do. It's really special to me, but it's too small, and I would have to get a full-size violin now if I wanted to actually play it.

So what projects are you working on now?
I just filmed a movie called *The Color of Rain*, where I play a mom, which was a different kind of role for me. I've been doing the sitcom *Baby Daddy* on ABC Family, and then I did a horror film called *Scarecrow*. Oh, and I did a thriller called *Non-Stop*. I play a woman who is stuck on an airplane and this very odd chain of events unravels.

Have you had any real-life nightmare flights?
Not really. I have my system down to a science—I have my blankets, my snacks, my iPad, my headphones. That said, I still appreciate a kind flight attendant. I always try to give them a nice recommendation.

You mean you'll go to the airline's Web site and write, like, "Sally was very nice during the cross-check"?
Yes. I'm that person who will fill out the survey.

OK, you proved it: You're definitely not a mean girl. But you must have at least one vice?
I'm a nice girl next door, but I *love* a good weekend in Vegas. Blackjack, roulette, four-card poker, slots...all of it.

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SEXY & RECKLESS

GET WILD WITH ROCK'S NEWEST BAD GIRL, **TAYLOR MOMSEN** OF THE PRETTY RECKLESS.

by **STEPHANIE RADVAN**

photographs by **DIANA SCHEUNEMANN**

NORMAL
Twin Reverb
TAMAGNI

She may be only 20 years old, but Taylor Momsen, the ridiculously hot front woman of the Pretty Reckless, has already accomplished more than most of us lazy bums could imagine. She starred as Cindy Lou Who in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, enjoyed a four-season stint on *Gossip Girl*, toured the world with Marilyn Manson, and was selected as the face of Madonna's fashion line. Now, with the release of her band's second album, *Going to Hell*, and their current tour, she clearly has her sights set on becoming a bona fide music star. Gentlemen, prepare to get rocked.

WE'VE LITERALLY HAD PARENTS CALL THE COPS DURING OUR SHOWS.

How was the shoot?
It went great! We shot at the Ace Hotel in New York, and I brought in my guitars. It had a rock'n'roll vibe, which is a bit different for *Maxim*.

Do you have a lot of input in your photo shoots and music videos?
I'm very involved in anything to do with creative, and I actually co-directed the video for "My Medicine." I like to blend music with image, and at my age sexuality is a big part of that, so it seems fitting to me.

You started the Pretty Reckless while you were on *Gossip Girl*. Were you worried you wouldn't be taken seriously as a musician?
I've been making music since I can remember, and a few years ago I got to a place where I had a band and could quit acting; that was my day job. I was 12 when I signed on to *Gossip Girl*, and since then I've had two records, toured with Guns n' Roses...I mean, it feels like a different world.

Are your fans a weird mix of teenage girls and heavy metal dudes?
It's definitely a combination. We have old rockers who've never heard of *Gossip Girl* as well as parents bringing their kids, and then going, 'Oh, just kidding. We're leaving.' We've literally had parents call the cops during our shows reporting that it's inappropriate for their child.

Maybe they confused you with a different Taylor. What's the craziest thing that's happened on tour?
Most of the stories probably shouldn't get printed! But somehow a tradition started where female fans jump onstage and strip down to our song "Goin' Down." I think it began in the States with girls taking their tops off, and by the time we got to Argentina they just got fucking naked.

Your own outfits are pretty provocative. What makes you feel the sexiest?
It's less about what I'm wearing and more about feeling powerful while performing. That gets my blood flowing.

Are your parents ever in the audience?
Yeah, but I kind of put them in the back so I don't have to see them! It's hard to play in front of family, but they're very supportive.

Were you always into rock?
I just like good songs. My dad has a huge vinyl collection, so I grew up with the Beatles, Zeppelin, and the Who. It's like they say: Once you listen to great music, how can you listen to shitty music?

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BINGO

SWIMSUIT MODEL **BRITTANY BINGER** BRINGS THE SEXY TO NICK CANNON'S DEBUT COMEDY, *SCHOOL DANCE*.

by **STEPHANIE RADVAN**

photographs by **JOSH RYAN**

If Brittany Binger looks familiar, it's probably because you've caught a glimpse of her in a bunch of TV commercials or on her friend Kendra's reality show. Now you're about to see a lot more of her in the new comedy *School Dance*. Throw your hands in the air!

Tell us about *School Dance*, your first movie.
It's a hilarious high school comedy directed by Nick Cannon about all this crazy stuff that happens leading up to the end-of-the-year dance.

Looking at the cast, we see Amber Rose, Kevin Hart...
The whole shoot was so much fun. It didn't even feel like work. It felt like a big party. I actually looked forward to getting up at 4 A.M. every day.

What was your own high school experience like?
I grew up on a dairy farm in Ohio where the nearest mall and bowling alley were an hour away. So my friends and I would have to come up with other stuff to do, which was a lot of house parties.

You posed for *Playboy* at just 18. Did all your high school flames call you up?
My friends told me a ton of guys started to claim that we'd dated, but I was always the single one in school.

What qualities do you look for in a guy these days?
I love guys who are witty and can keep me on my toes.

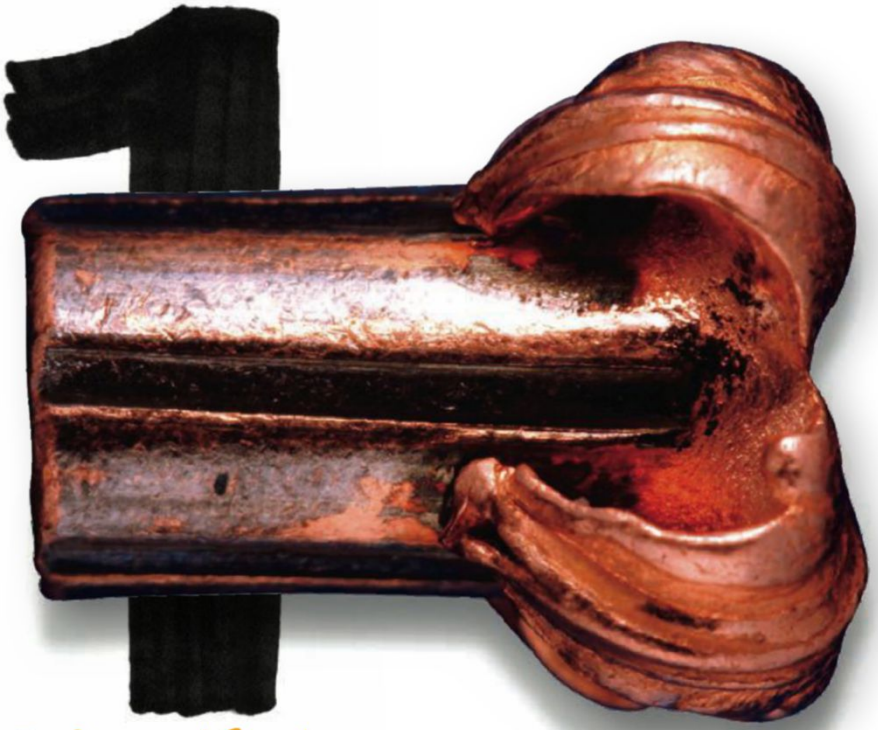
Any celebrity crushes?
It's more about people whose careers I admire, like Amanda Seyfried, who can play sexy, funny, and serious. In terms of directors, I'd love to work with Michael Bay.

Given his casting choices, we bet that could happen.

HOMETOWN
Bellevue, Ohio
BIRTHDAY
March 24

FARTS! DENTISTS! ARMPITS! AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF THAT CAN KILL YOU TO DEATH!

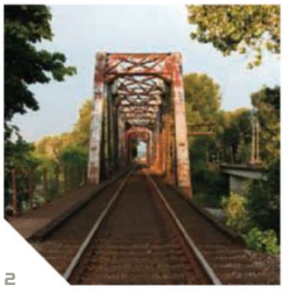
by **NICK LEFTLEY**



The Deadliest Bullet

9 MM JACKETED HOLLOW POINT

There are bigger bullets. There are faster bullets. But if you live in America and you tangle with Army law enforcement, there's a good chance that this is the bullet that will kill you. Designed to expand inside the victim's body to cause more tissue damage, they're said to reduce the chance of bullets passing through the intended targets and into nearby civilians. But why specifically mention America? Well, these babies are banned in international warfare under the Hague convention, but U.S. Army law enforcement pack them on home territory. So while it's still illegal to shoot an overseas terrorist with these, if you're dumb enough to break into a military installation on U.S. soil, you'll probably experience a hollow point firsthand. Nice knowing you!



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THE DEADLIEST STATE FOR CROSSING A BRIDGE

PENNSYLVANIA

Did you know that one out of every nine bridges in America is structurally deficient? And that 24.5 percent of all those "Is it supposed to wobble like that?" structures can be found in Pennsylvania? Now you do, and you'll never feel safe crossing a river there again.

3

THE DEADLIEST ASSHOLE

THE BOMBARDIER BEETLE

Screw silent but deadly—the bombardier beetle is loud and proud, firing a scorching mixture of superheated acids from its rear end with a loud popping sound when threatened. It's not one for surprise cuddles is what we're saying here.

4

THE DEADLIEST AIRLINE

CHINA AIRLINES

Their eight aircraft losses and 755 deaths in the past three decades might make you want to consider a cruise instead.

5

THE DEADLIEST DENTIST

GLENNON ENGLEMAN

This demented driller killed seven people over three decades, all for cash. One victim was bludgeoned, pushed down a well, then blown up with dynamite, which would indicate that Engleman went to the Wile E. Coyote school of assassination.

6

THE DEADLIEST ARMPITS

THE SLOW LORIS

When Borneo's slow loris gets nervous, it shoves its fingers into its armpits. Aw! But these pits release venom, which the beast rubs on its teeth before biting you.

The 30 Deadliest Things in the World

"In two feet, make a sharp left," instructed the evil GPS.

7

The Deadliest Road Trip

THE YUNGAS ROAD, BOLIVIA

The Yungas Road is more commonly known as the Road of Death, because *(a)* it is pants-shittingly lethal, and *(b)* people in Bolivia are awesome at naming stuff. It's responsible for around 200 deaths a year, which doesn't sound like many until you realize it's only 40 miles long and used by a handful of vehicles per day. There are 3,000-foot sheer drops off the side of this guardrail-free single-lane mountain nightmare, but don't worry—at least you won't be able to see them with all the rain and fog.

8

THE DEADLIEST MAN TO BE TRAPPED IN AN ELEVATOR WITH

MR. METHANE

This is "performing flatulist" Mr. Methane, and he has such superhuman control of his gas that he can fart "The Blue Danube Waltz" at will. You have been warned.

9

THE DEADLIEST FISHING HOLE

LAKE KARACHAY, RUSSIA

You don't need to worry about wildlife in this lake—or any life at all, for that matter. Used as a toxic dumping ground for Soviet nuclear weapons since the '50s, this irradiated wasteland, the most lethally polluted place on the planet, can kill a person standing on its shore inside an hour.

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THE DEADLIEST SNIPER

NAVY SEAL CHIEF CHRIS KYLE

Before his tragic death this year, Chris Kyle was America's deadliest sniper, recording more than 160 kills (with around 100 more claimed). He also—allegedly—once punched Jesse "the Body" Ventura in the face. In short: This man was a certified badass.

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THE DEADLIEST CHOICE FOR HITCHHIKERS

THE NISSAN 350Z

Its 143 deaths per million registered vehicle miles is the highest fatality rate of any car on the road, so those thumbing a ride might want to consider thumbing their noses at this one instead.

12

The Deadliest Ground Attack Plane

A-10 THUNDERBOLT II

She may be getting on in years, but the plane more commonly known as the Warthog (or even more commonly as "Ooh, Fuck") is still the U.S. military's favorite ground-support aircraft. Boasting a 30 mm Gatling gun capable of firing 4,100 rounds per minute and carrying up to 16,000 pounds of assorted deadly smart bombs and missiles (including 2.75-inch rockets and AIM-9 Sidewinder and AGM-65 Maverick missiles), she's not beautiful, but, by God, she knows how to wreck a bad guy's day.

14

THE DEADLIEST PLACE FOR A CITY BREAK

SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

Regarded as the most dangerous city in the world, and for good reason: Its rate of 169 homicides per 100,000 residents means you're more likely to die of a nasty case of being murdered here than almost anything else.

13

THE DEADLIEST SONG

"MY WAY"

Filipinos really like karaoke. And they love Ol' Blue Eyes' classic so much that at least six people have been murdered for screwing it up, leading the press to refer to the incidents as the "'My Way' Killings."

15

THE DEADLIEST PART OF A MONKEY

THE BRAIN

Did you know you can catch a version of the terrifying and lethal variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (better known as mad cow disease) from eating monkey brains? So stop it!

17

THE DEADLIEST ACCIDENTAL PIZZA TOPPING

DESTROYING ANGEL MUSHROOM

As well as being an awesome name for a metal band, the destroying angel has a poison so deadly that half a cap is fatal. There is no antidote.

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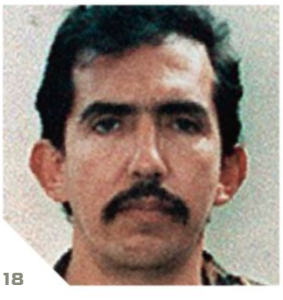
THE DEADLIEST SNAKE

THE HOOK-NOSED SEA SNAKE

The hook-nosed sea snake's venom is even more powerful than the dreaded taipan's. Also, the motherfucker is really, really ugly.



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THE DEADLIEST SERIAL KILLER

LUIS "LA BESTIA" GARAVITO

This Colombian was convicted of 140 murders but is suspected of close to 300. His penalty? A whopping 24 years in prison! Getting away with murder, indeed.

"C'mon guys, say cheese! Guys?"

19

The Deadliest Gang

LOS ZETAS

Mexico's largest, most sophisticated, and most vicious drug cartel was originally formed by, of all things, Mexican commandos, who deserted the army in 1999 and went to work for the Gulf Cartel. They later split to form their own gang, waging a war against their rivals that has torn Mexico to pieces. While Los Zetas are currently winning—they are believed to have the largest territory in Mexico, as well as footholds in Italy, Guatemala, and several U.S. states—they have achieved that through a series of car bombings, beheadings, torture-murders, and massacres.

20

THE DEADLIEST SPORTING EVENT

THE ISLE OF MAN TT

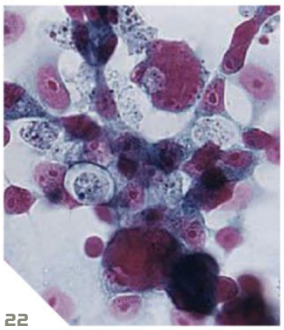
This lethal motorcycle race around the cliff-top roads of the Isle of Man has seen a shocking number of fatalities–240 in just over 100 years. There have been more than 20 deaths since 2000, and that doesn't even take the occasional spectator or race official into account.

21

THE DEADLIEST BIRD

THE OSTRICH

It's nine feet tall. It can run 40 mph. It has huge talons on its feet that it will use to kick your intestines out through your spine (as it does to several humans annually). It still looks like a feather duster crossed with an angry French maid, but we would not mess with this mangy critter.



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THE DEADLIEST THING THAT WANTS TO CRAWL UP YOUR NOSE AND EAT YOUR BRAIN

NAEGLERIA FOWLERI

This charming amoeba with a 99 percent fatality rate lives in rivers and lakes–some right here in the good old U.S. of A.–and enjoys swimming into your nostrils to overindulge in the buffet that is your brain.

23

THE DEADLIEST VOLCANO

THE YELLOWSTONE CALDERA

The supervolcano underneath Yellowstone isn't due to blow anytime soon, but think about this: Its first eruption, 2.1 million years ago, was 25,000 times larger than the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption.

"Where's my Preparation H?" yelled the mountain.

The 30 Deadliest Things in the World

24 THE DEADLIEST SUBMARINE
THE HMS *AMBUSH*

Powered by a nuclear reactor that won't need refueling for 25 years, it's capable of circling the planet without resurfacing once. The British monster is armed with Tomahawk Block IV cruise missiles capable of hitting targets 1,200 miles away, so you'd better show baby Prince George some respect!

Goes down faster than a White House intern.

25
THE DEADLIEST ACTION HERO
DOLPH LUNDGREN

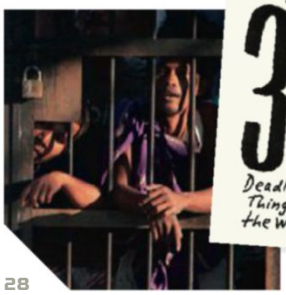
Of all the classic action stars, Mr. Ivan Drago himself scores the highest body count, with a recent tally showing 662 kills in the course of 23 movies.

26
THE DEADLIEST MOVIE SLASHER
JASON VOORHEES

With more than 300 on-screen kills, the machete-wielding goalie beats rivals like Freddy Kreuger (only 42!) knife hands down.

27
THE DEADLIEST TIME OF DAY
11 A.M.

It's not just the time of day *Maxim* editor David Swanson goes for poop no. 2–according to scientists, if you've survived to old age, it's the time you're most likely to croak from natural causes. So make sure you get a good breakfast!



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THE DEADLIEST PRISON SYSTEM
VENEZUELA

With facilities designed to hold 14,000 prisoners, but a prison population of more than 45,000, conditions are terrible and diseases run rampant. Even worse? Most of the prisoners are armed. We bet the food sucks, too.

29 THE DEADLIEST CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR LITTLE TIMMY
THE GILBERT U-238
ATOMIC ENERGY LAB

What better toy for a small, inquisitive child than this 1950s masterpiece–an atomic energy lab that came complete with uranium-bearing ore! Because nothing says happy holidays like an eight-year-old who glows in the dark.

The Deadliest Thing to Let Bite Your Penis
THE BRAZILIAN WANDERING SPIDER

Prone to aggressively and repeatedly biting, injecting a vicious neurotoxic venom with each nip, this spider is a bastard. But the part that'll make you cross your legs is the side effect of its venom: If it doesn't kill you, it'll give you the most painful erection of your life, one that can last days and potentially leave you impotent. Basically, it's a spider that ruins boners. Which might well be the single worst thing ever.

> People have been doing dumb stunts since the beginning of time. It's not like we invented it.

ICON

Johnny Knoxville

The star of *Jackass' Bad Grandpa* talks pranks, penises, and smoking weed with Willie Nelson. By David Swanson

You're a youngish dude from the South, but in *Bad Grandpa* you play an old Jewish man. Where the hell did your character, Irving Zisman, come from?
The name comes from two guys who used to come to a restaurant I worked at. But the character is like a mixture of Mel Brooks, Walter Matthau, a more perverted version of myself, and my father. There were a lot of lines in the movie that come straight from him. He's probably my biggest influence.

He was a big prankster, right?
Oh, yeah. When I was 17 or 18, I'd be passed out, and he'd take a hot dog and put it in the microwave for 20 seconds to get it lukewarm, then run it through my mouth. When I woke up, he would act like he was zipping up his pants.

This new movie is all pranks. How was filming *Bad Grandpa* compared with the other *Jackass* movies?
Well, the makeup took three hours every morning, so that sucked. And if I did a scene with my shirt off, it took another two hours, so after we did that once or twice, I wrote those scenes out. I don't want to be a whiny actor, but after 12 hours you want to rip your face off.

Was it hard to stay in character?
To do a whole movie where you're pranking the public, at first it was terrifying, but once we started getting good stuff, the fear washed away. And Jackson Nicoll, who plays my grandson, he was just heaven-sent. He's got no fear, he's cute, he has charisma, he's smart, and he loves fucking with people.

Sounds like a Jackass-in-training.
He's a lot smarter than I was as a kid. On our set, though, around me and the crew, well, let's just say you'd better cover up because Jackson is gonna hit you in the zipper at any time.

What's the worst injury you've had?
Hmm. A rocket blew up on me at the end of *Jackass Number Two,* and a long metal rod flew past my ribs and nearly decapitated two of our art department guys. So that was pretty hairy. I almost broke my neck in the first one. There have been a number of times I could have died, I guess.

And you broke your penis. How's that going for you?
Right now it's harder than a turnbuckle. Tiny but mean. I had to use a catheter for three and a half years, twice a day. An 18-inch tube about the size of a number two pencil. But not anymore. Everything's in working order.

Do you regret any of the stuff you've done? We know you recently had your Leon Spinks tattoo removed.
I don't really sit around going, "Aw, why did I do that?" What happened with the tattoo was, I was in Austin and I woke up hung over one morning, and on my left forearm was a note that said, "Get a tattoo of Leon Spinks on your left biceps," in my handwriting, so I knew it was a message my drunk self wrote to my sober self. I woke up, and I'm like, "That guy's a genius! I'm gonna go do that right now!" And I went and did it and had it for many years.

You bought Johnny Cash's cabin, partied with Hunter S. Thompson, and starred in a movie with Willie Nelson. What's all that been like?
I never met Johnny Cash, but I did have a couple of evenings with Hunter that are pretty foggy. When I started writing for magazines, I was just doing cheap Hunter-esque knockoffs, so he was a big influence on me. And to be able to call Willie a friend is pretty mind-blowing. Smoking with him was tough, though, because I'm not a weed guy. I love the idea of weed, I love the smell, but I think I'm allergic to it. It makes me super dizzy, and I lose my hearing for five or six hours. And with Willie's weed, forget five or six hours. I'm done for eight or nine.

You seem to have a pretty high threshold for pain.
I don't know that that's true. I just think my give-a-shit threshold is really low. But people have been doing dumb stunts since the beginning of time. With *Jackass* we were fortunate in our timing. I didn't think it was gonna get on TV, and when it did, I didn't think it was gonna stay on TV. And when they brought up the idea of a movie, I was like, "Well, I don't see a movie." But I love when people film themselves doing stupid shit, and I'm glad they're doing it. I just don't think we invented dumb shit.

EAT HOT DEATH

IN SEARCH OF THE WORLD'S SPICIEST PEPPER

THE RACE TO GROW THE MOST INSANELY HOT PEPPER IS ON. BUT THE ROAD TO FIERY FAME AND FORTUNE IS PAVED WITH TRASH TALK, DECEPTION, EVEN PERFORMANCE ENHANCERS! WE SENT OUR MAN INSIDE THE SUPERHEATED BATTLE FOR THE CHILIHEAD CROWN.

by **STEVEN LECKART** *photographs by* **MICHAEL NEMETH** *illustrations by* **TWO ARMS INC.**

All hell just broke loose inside my mouth. My tongue is burning. My upper lip is stinging. My eyes are bloodshot.

It's like being face-fucked by Satan himself. "There's no shame in throwing up, brother," says Ed Currie, a soft-spoken 50-year-old who fed me a new variety of superhot chili pepper he's developed called the Carolina Reaper.

Three minutes ago I popped the bright-red, gumball-size pepper into my mouth, chewed thoroughly, and swallowed. Without warning a numbness shoots through my right pinkie, then up into my biceps. Strangely, a mellow head rush sets in. My pupils dilate as a tear trickles down my cheek.

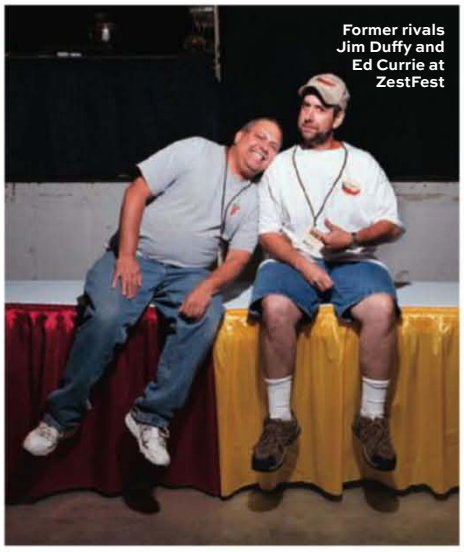
"It looks like you blew a blood vessel in your eye!" says Currie.

We're at ZestFest Midwest, a fiery-foods show in Columbus, Ohio, where Currie is selling sauces and snacks made by his PuckerButt Pepper Company. Outside the 5,000-capacity Ohio Expo Center, the parking lot is dotted with vanity plates: 2SPICEE, HABANERO, and SAUCY RV. Inside, an eclectic crowd of frat brothers, beer-bellied dads, and silver-haired grannies walk the floor among die-hard "chiliheads" sporting pepper-patterned Hawaiian shirts and chili-themed tattoos.

Each year tens of thousands of chiliheads buy tickets to expos like this all across the U.S. to experience a plethora of sauces, glazes, jams, candies, and beef jerky with punishing heat levels and names like Instant Regret, Sudden Death, Edible Lava, Colon Blow, and Satan's Flaming Hemorrhoids. During ZestFest there will be a jalapeño-eating contest, a spicy-wing-eating contest, and an impromptu battle between Steve "the Machine" Smallwood and Chuck "the Biz" Cook, two thirtysomething pro pepper eaters who each finish 10 superhots in under two minutes.

Like connoisseurs of craft beer, fine wine, and "medicinal" marijuana, pepper people talk shop with a geeky enthusiasm and specificity: There are flavor profiles, experimental strains, and body highs like the one I'm getting from that furious little Reaper.

"I've had about 25 today. I'm high as a kite, brother!" laughs Currie. "More dopamine receptors get filled than using morphine or heroin. It's mean stuff."



Former rivals Jim Duffy and Ed Currie at ZestFest

Today at ZestFest, 19 showgoers will attempt to eat an entire Carolina Reaper; 17 will vomit. After 20 minutes, I too exorcise my demon. I'm told the next probable side effects include ring sting, "fire-rhea," and capsaicin cramps, named for the chemical compound that produces a pepper's heat. (Capsaicin is used to manufacture everything from pepper spray and arthritis cream to anti-barnacle nautical paint.) The higher a pepper's capsaicin concentration, the higher its heat rating on the Scoville scale. Jalapeños peak at 10,000 Scoville heat units (SHU); the hottest habaneros hit 350,000; anything classified as superhot, like the Carolina Reaper, must register above one million.

To date only six superhots have been discovered. The first was the Ghost Pepper (a.k.a. the Bhut Jolokia), which didn't become widely known until 2007, when its 1.001 million SHU rating landed it in *Guinness World Records*. From 2007 to 2012, Guinness fielded 25 different claims of "world's hottest."

Since 2012 several new contenders have cropped up, including hybrids like the Jigsaw, Infinity X, and the Carolina Reaper. The most hyped of these is the Trinidad Moruga Scorpion, which became the first pepper to break the two million SHU mark last year, shattering the record of 1.4637 million set by the Butch T. Scorpion pepper in 2011. Nevertheless, Guinness has not changed its record book.

The race to grow the next "world's hottest pepper" has ignited a heated debate among chiliheads, one that raises deep questions about science, ethics, and honor. Economics aren't the only incentive, but that's a big part of it. Hot sauce is one of the 10 fastest-growing industries in the U.S.—worth an estimated $1 billion. Claiming the record can make or break a new product. After the Naga Viper took the title in 2010, its grower says he made $40,000 in one month selling sauces and seeds.

"It's critical for Ed to get that record," says John "CaJohn" Hard, the CEO of CaJohns Fiery Foods. "But there are educated chiliheads who doubt his pepper is different from anything else out there."

Which is to say, I didn't travel to Columbus just to burn my face off. I came here to meet the men vying for the throne.

SO TELL ME about this stash," says Guns n' Roses guitarist Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal. It's 11 P.M. on Saturday, and Thal has just walked into Currie's hotel room with Brimstone, the professional wrestler. They're in town to promote their branded sauces at ZestFest.

Currie is holding a gallon-size Ziploc filled with red, yellow, orange, and dark purple superhots you can't buy anywhere. Most of them don't even have names, just cryptic labels like HP26.

THE HOT LIST

HOW DOES A CAROLINA REAPER COMPARE TO A JALAPEÑO? WE TURNED TO CHILIHEAD CHUCK "THE BIZ" COOK TO FIND OUT.

NUMBERS REPRESENT SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS

DEATH

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MORUGA SCORPION

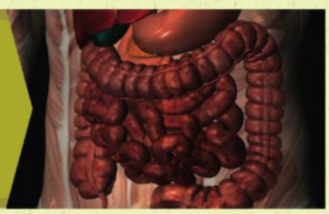
2 MILLION

"The hottest pepper I've had. Some of these peppers blow your head off and make it feel like your **face is melting**."

7 POT BRAIN STRAIN

1.8 MILLION

"No one talks much about this one, but it put me down for seven hours with cramps. I could feel it moving through **my intestines**."



CAROLINA REAPER

1.5 MILLION

"One of the hottest I've tried. I'd say it's the equivalent of **giving birth** for a woman. I had a sensation in my face unlike anything I've felt before."

BHUT JOLOKIA (GHOST PEPPER)

1 MILLION

"The Ghost is rough because it tastes like shit. But heatwise it's like **chewing a bunch of tacks** and chasing it with a cheap bottle of vodka."

HABANERO

100K–350K

"This is when you know shit just got serious. You'll be down on the ground making up your **own yoga moves**."

JALAPEÑO

2.5K–10K

"Pretty generic, but it's a tough one because some people can't even eat a jalapeño. For me it's like eating **cinnamon candy** or something."

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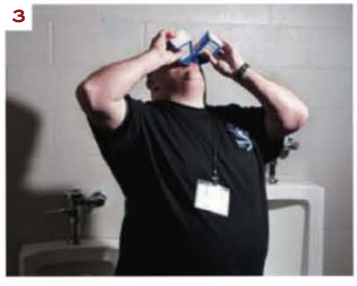

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1. Steve "the Machine" Smallwood (left) and Chuck "the Biz" Cook, with Brimstone judging their pepper-eating contest. 2. A plateful of pain. 3. The Machine tries to cool off. 4. The Biz in recovery mode.

Currie says many of his "unstable strains" are testing way hotter than the current Guinness record. Nevertheless, he won't release numbers until the crossbreeds reach stability, meaning that their seeds will reliably grow matching offspring. (Stability takes seven generations, a minimum of three and a half years.)

Currie does have one tentative name for his HP48 strain: Death. In his YouTube review, Ted "the Fire-Breathing Idiot," a bald 39-year-old with an uncanny tolerance for pepper pain, simply said, "Never again."

As Thal takes teeny bites of the frankenpeppers, Currie turns to me and grins. "When in your life did you think you were gonna be sitting with a wrestling star, a rock star, and a mad scientist?" A similar question could be asked of him.

Growing up in Michigan, Currie was a bit of a prodigy. In elementary school, he took high school classes, and by 14 he'd taught himself how to cook LSD in the school chemistry lab. "That was the '70s, brother," laughs Currie. "There were the freaks and the jocks. I was a freak, man!"

By the 1990s he'd settled down with a wife, a job in finance, and a condo in Rochester Hills, Michigan, where he kept a modest backyard pepper garden. On paper life was good, but in reality Currie was in trouble: He weighed 360 pounds, drank heavily, and frequently cut work. His marriage imploded.

Then one night during a blizzard, Currie was alone at home, naked, when the door blew open and an angel appeared. "You need to go to Brighton Hospital," the angel said. "Where's Brighton Hospital?" Currie murmured in shock as the angel turned around and left.

When Currie looked it up, he discovered Brighton is a rehab facility. He checked in, cleaned up, and focused on his health. As he dropped down to 160 pounds, he pondered his family history of heart disease and cancer. He'd read that indigenous cultures along the equator have far lower rates of both conditions, and Currie had a hunch this might be the result of their pepper-heavy diet. Through the years he'd collected notes but never pursued his theory seriously until 2002, when he crossed a Pakistani Naga with a red habanero.

"God gave me a gift," says Currie, who developed a special capsaicin-boosting nutrient regimen for his plants. "I can take a jalapeño and make it one million Scoville. But I can't make it repeat."

That wasn't the case for a new hybrid, the HP22B. After three years, Currie says, the seeds were growing hotter peppers without chemical assistance. He'd permanently altered their DNA.

In 2005 Currie began selecting seeds to stabilize the strain. But he wasn't posting in online forums, where hobbyists typically show off new hybrids, so when news of the HP22B first appeared in late 2011, the chilihead community went nuts. Just a few months earlier, the Butch T. had taken the Guinness record. Now here was an unknown grower with some mysterious new strain–and a claim of 1.5 million Scoville?!

Currie had no idea what was coming.

"Jim Duffy called me a liar on every Facebook forum out there and told me I'm not taking his crown," says Currie. "I'm doing it for the science. The only reason we're going after the record is because he pissed me off!"

JIM DUFFY STEPS onto the field at San Diego's Petco Park and points to left field. The Padres are taking batting practice before tonight's game against the Phillies. Duffy's here to do some coaching. "I'm a little worried about them," confesses Luke Yoder, director of field operations, leading us through a door in the outfield. In the bullpen is an 18'x6' garden with 18 pepper varieties.

Yoder started growing exotic peppers at Petco Park in August 2012. Soon thereafter a few relief pitchers ended a dismal losing streak after eating some of

the Black Cobras (50,000 SHU). Last May, when the team renovated its bullpen, the pitchers campaigned for more peppers. That's where Duffy came in.

Duffy, whose day job is as a welder, runs an online side business selling exotic pepper plants and seeds. He fantasizes that one Padre will try his hottest pepper, the Moruga Scorpion, and kick off a league-wide craze: "It'll frickin' light his ass up! And then they'll go on the road and they'll be telling that story," quips the fast-talking 53-year-old in his New York accent.

In 2008 Duffy supplied some of the seeds used by the Chile Pepper Institute (CPI) at New Mexico State University to conduct a study on superhots. The results rocked the chilihead world: One Moruga Scorpion hit 2.009231 million SHU.

In February 2012 the CPI issued a press release declaring it the "hottest pepper on the planet." The news got picked up by the Associated Press, *USA Today,* and CBS.

Duffy made $10,000 in two days selling Moruga seeds to frenzied chiliheads. The CPI submitted its results to Guinness, which asked for more data verified by an impartial third party. It didn't matter. Record or not, Duffy's business kept booming. "Only thing that makes more money than selling seeds is illicit narcotics and fireworks," says Duffy, who's also peddled time shares, vitamins, and exotic reptiles.

By the end of 2012, Duffy had grossed $220,000–four times his annual welder's salary. But just as he was posting record profits, hype for Currie's Carolina Reaper began building. Duffy went on the defensive.

"Is it truly a new variety?" Duffy asked in a 1,094-word takedown of the Reaper, citing Currie's techniques to chemically "juice" his peppers. "The answer is no."

Currie hopped online to introduce himself and emphasize his goal of furthering cancer research. He and Duffy agreed to bury the hatchet. Still, Currie didn't take too kindly to being called a liar. Since he'd already committed thousands of dollars to nabbing the record, he vowed to go on.

Duffy stands by his point: The playing field isn't level. To some the Carolina Reaper is nothing more than a Barry Bonds. "Steroids in baseball is a perfect example. Is it fair?" says Hard, who manufactures CaJohns sauces with Carolina Reapers and Moruga Scorpions. "No, it's not. It's just not natural."

MEASURING CAPSAICIN is a simple, exact science. The pepper is dehydrated, ground down, mixed into a solvent, and then run through a four-foot-tall machine that measures the number of capsaicinoids per million. Plugging that total into a formula determines a Scoville rating.

What's less simple is agreeing on what constitutes the hottest pepper.

Peppers are the result of nature and nurture. The amounts of sunshine, humidity, moisture, and, yes, nutrients all contribute. But pick two jalapeños off the exact same plant at the exact same time and there's little chance they've got the same amount of capsaicin.

Duffy's Moruga Scorpion that registered above two million SHU? It was an outlier–

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one superhot pepper out of 100 Moruga Scorpions that averaged 1.207764 million.

"Anybody can get a peak," says Currie. "That's whose swinging dick is bigger. Good science doesn't report anomalies."

Currie says he has Reaper data showing an average of 1.52 million but that Guinness keeps moving the goalposts.

"As we receive more and more applications and more records are verified, our guidelines must be adjusted to accommodate new information and technology," says Sara Wilcox, a PR and marketing executive with Guinness.

Nothing better encapsulates the complicated friendship between Currie and Duffy than an old adage: "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." Feeling dicked over by Guinness has helped them bond. At ZestFest I watch these two onetime rivals hug and cheerily dine together in the restaurant of our hotel. They're even doing business: Duffy signed a deal to become one of Currie's four licensed growers of the Carolina Reaper.

IT'S THE FINAL hours of ZestFest, and I'm holding a Moruga Scorpion the size of a golf ball. Yesterday, after barfing up the Reaper, I promised Duffy I'd try one of his peppers.

At the time it seemed only fair.

But late last night Currie told me a dark secret: Some growers use hypodermic needles to inject liquid capsaicin into peppers before giving them to reviewers, using a flavorless extract called Pure Evil that tests at 1.56 million SHU.

"Jim will tell you he doesn't want the record," I remembered Currie telling me. "He wants the record so bad, it's unbelievable."

Does that mean he'd also burn my face off with a doctored pepper? When I confront him, Duffy denies ever having laced peppers. As I sit down across from him and Currie, they each pull out cameras and begin filming. I bite into the Moruga and begin chewing. It's sweet. Perhaps sweeter than the Reaper. I can't decide, mainly because of the gnarly burning in my throat. It's ruthless. Worse than the Reaper? Kind of. Mostly, it's just...different. Every time I breathe, it hurts.

Ten minutes in and there's no numbing in my hand. Zero tingling. And I don't feel any urge to vomit. I do get a head rush, but it's not as intense as what I felt with the Reaper.

Aha! The Reaper wins!

Not necessarily. Duffy and Currie remind me that one species of pepper grown in San Diego versus South Carolina isn't a fair comparison. Ultimately, the CPI will settle the debate. Last summer it planted Reaper seeds alongside the same five superhots from its 2012 study, including the Moruga Scorpion. In January 2014, the CPI will have results.

For now the question lingers. Will the Reaper seize the Guinness record? Or at least trump the Moruga? "Some people live in a fantasy world," Duffy says of Currie. "Is that the case? I guess we'll find out."

For now my gut tells me that the Reaper had more capsaicin. But that's totally subjective. I'm not a machine. I'm just another dude with indigestion, and an escalating case of ring-sting.

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GUIDE TO BEING SMART WHILE GETTING STUPID

From the mind of the man who plays Ron Swanson, a handy primer on what to drink, where to huff, and when to smoke.

When the work is done, we deserve to play. After 10 sweaty hours in the wood shop, when I'm covered in sawdust, that first Corona tastes like the jizz of the Lord (which has to be the most magnificent beverage, right?), and in my life one of my greatest leisure-time pleasures has been smoking a bong in the living room before settling down with the new episode of *Twin Peaks*. Heaven. Or some animation or claymation. *Akira*? *Wallace & Gromit*? Sublime. Therefore, if I had to choose one god to serve, I would choose...Dionysus. The Greek god of wine, song, and theater. I like to abide pleasure with my body, and one way that we funny monkeys have learned to know delight is through the consumption of intoxicants. All splendid treats in the proper dosage, but just like religion (the opiate of the masses), you can use them responsibly and do good, or you can use them like an asshole and ruin it for the rest of us, who just want to get a little high and look at a maple leaf. Let's have a look at our choices, shall we?

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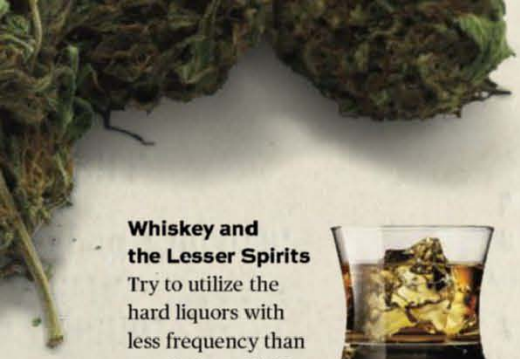
Wine, Beer

The workhorses. You keep these expendables in stock, like paper towels and salt. And just like salt, you will enjoy them throughout your life as long as you don't overdo it. Beer, in all its infinite varieties these days, is obviously one of the staples of life. For a pint of beer, you can never beat Guinness or Old Rasputin. In the life of the theater professional, three pints a night in the local public house is simply part of one's workday, and it's nice work if you can get it. My easy time was dominated by beer throughout my youth and into my 20s, because wine just didn't have much of a foothold in my part of the Midwest. Aunt Dee would drink white wine, but then she always was a bit fancy.

I never understood what all the fuss was about until my wife bought a really nice bottle of cabernet sauvignon on New Year's Eve 2000. We were at a beautiful cabin in Santa Barbara, and we counted down the last hours of our first eight months together as we sipped this red wine that made my head and body feel like delicious candy. I'm not talking about shitty candy (which also has its place of honor)–your Skittles, your Willy Wonka varietals, your PayDays. No, I'm talking about handmade, rich-people candy. This wine–fermented grape juice, mind you–tasted and felt like Edmund's description of Turkish delight in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and, buddy, I signed up as, and I remain, a card-carrying member of the wine enthusiasts' club. For, lo, it is some good shit.

“Hustle out to the store, pick up several cans of ready-to-squirt whipped cream, and let the fun begin.”



Whiskey and the Lesser Spirits

Try to utilize the hard liquors with less frequency than you do beer. Did I spend a period of my youth chugging Jim Beam? Sure I did, as it provided a swift and complete oblivion, which is sometimes what we're looking for in life. That was a thankfully brief stint, when I was despairing of ever finding a lady who could stand me. Once I got my head on straight, I learned that bourbons exist to rival even the qualities of Jim Beam! Furthermore, I discovered Irish and Scotch whiskeys, to which I remain devoted. For a single-malt scotch, Lagavulin will never disappoint. It's practically furry. I'll be happy to further enumerate the admirable qualities of whiskey consumption over a glass of the good stuff should you ever catch me out at the bar.

Nitrous Oxide, N_2O, Laughing Gas, Whip-Its

Ahhh, old friend. Not just at the dentist anymore. For those of you who have deprived yourselves of this brief delight, please hustle out to the store and pick up several cans of ready-to-squirt whipped cream, and let the fun begin. The cream remains in the can, fully wasted, as the propellant nitrous oxide enters your lungs, and thereby your circulatory system. You will experience a light-headed euphoria as well as auditory hallucinations, culminating in laughter or smiles of glee. If you want to consume this goodness without wasting all that yummy dairy product, go to the gourmet store and purchase a case or three of N_2O cartridges and a whipped cream charger! Or buy a little twist "cracker" at your local head shop and empty your cartridge into a pretty balloon! Load up a hit, put on "Echolalia" by Dead Can Dance, and drink deep, chum. Find a nice place to recline and listen to any good noises–a freight train, a subway, a waterfall, a Wilco show. Just sit where the po-po won't be hassling you. Good, clean fun. I've seen friends fall down and go boom whilst using this stuff, so maybe keep your seat.

Weed

Sweet, sweet lady. Marijuana is quite possibly the finest of intoxicants. It has been scientifically proven, for decades, to be much less harmful to the body than alcohol when used on a regular basis (Google "science"). I applaud and support all the legalization efforts in our country, but I kind of doubt it's going to make it all the way through the federal legal system until big tobacco wakes up and gets behind it. I'm calling you out, R.J.! Step right up to yo' face and dis you, Philly Morris! You continue to cling to the legality of your carcinogenic smoking product that has been outlawed in most public spaces in America, but do you not see the potential in Marlboro Green? Own it! Regulate it! Tobacco will be going away; you know it! You have seen that writing on the wall! Turn that acreage over to cannabis! People are constantly committing crimes whilst under the influence of–or looking for funding for–every other intoxicant besides marijuana. I am a supersweet teddy bear, but when I drink tequila I want to knife somebody. When a person injects heroin, I've read, they want to lie in bed and drool with pleasure listening to Coltrane's *Giant Steps* until the fix wears off; then they want to go out and threaten to knife somebody to get money for more heroin so they can get back to drooling on their pillow. When I smoke pot, I want to look at nature and laugh about everything, eat some delicious things, and then sleep. For Willie's sake, do the math.

Mushrooms

Yes, indeed. The gentle brother of the hallucinogen family. All the giggles and visuals without the chemical jaw-grinding and speedy aftereffects of big brother LSD. I remember one beautiful day in the woods of Allerton Park near Monticello, Illinois, tripping on 'shrooms with my brother Falcon Smoker, looking at leaves and trees, swimming in the river, listening to the birds and frogs and wood nymphs' song, gulping in the sweet air and glory of living, then winding down to wait out the waves of sensory bliss so we could head home. Once we were somewhat straightened out, we set off for home, blasting Ennio Morricone's magnificent soundtrack to *The Mission*, particularly track 12, called "River." And in the early dark on the highway, all the other taillights looked like X-wing fighters, which lent a comforting perception of nostalgia to the ride. Treat your intoxicants with respect, and they will do right by you.

Glue

I've tried some, and gotten the most profound effects from that crazy blue PVC plumbing adhesive, but it's a very low-grade high. Your head feels dirty inside, probably from all the poison in the glue. Pass. Huffing vapors is the intoxicant of true desperation.

Chicharrón, Cracklins, Pork Rinds

Not technically an intoxicant, but you couldn't ever tell me that. The great thing about this snack food is that it's mostly protein, and therefore much healthier than most of the garbage Frito-Lay is churning out. To place my pork-skin problem chronologically, let's just say it went real nice with Jim Beam and Virginia blister peanuts. Keep the peanut can for loose hardware, and you've done your part for Mother Earth.

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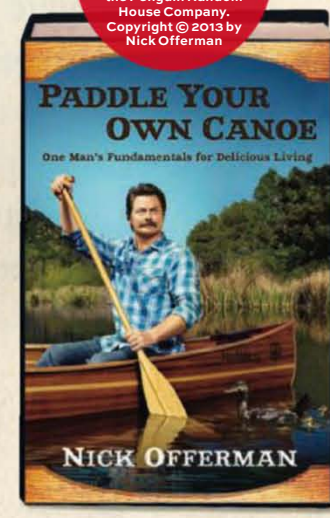

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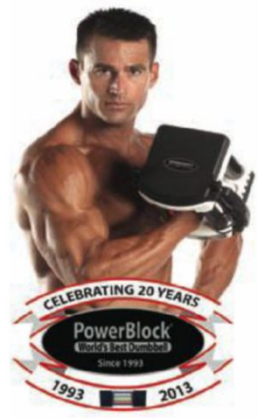

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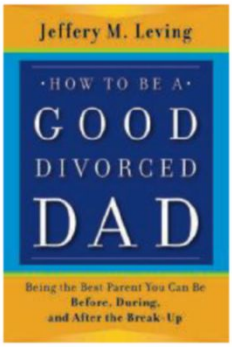

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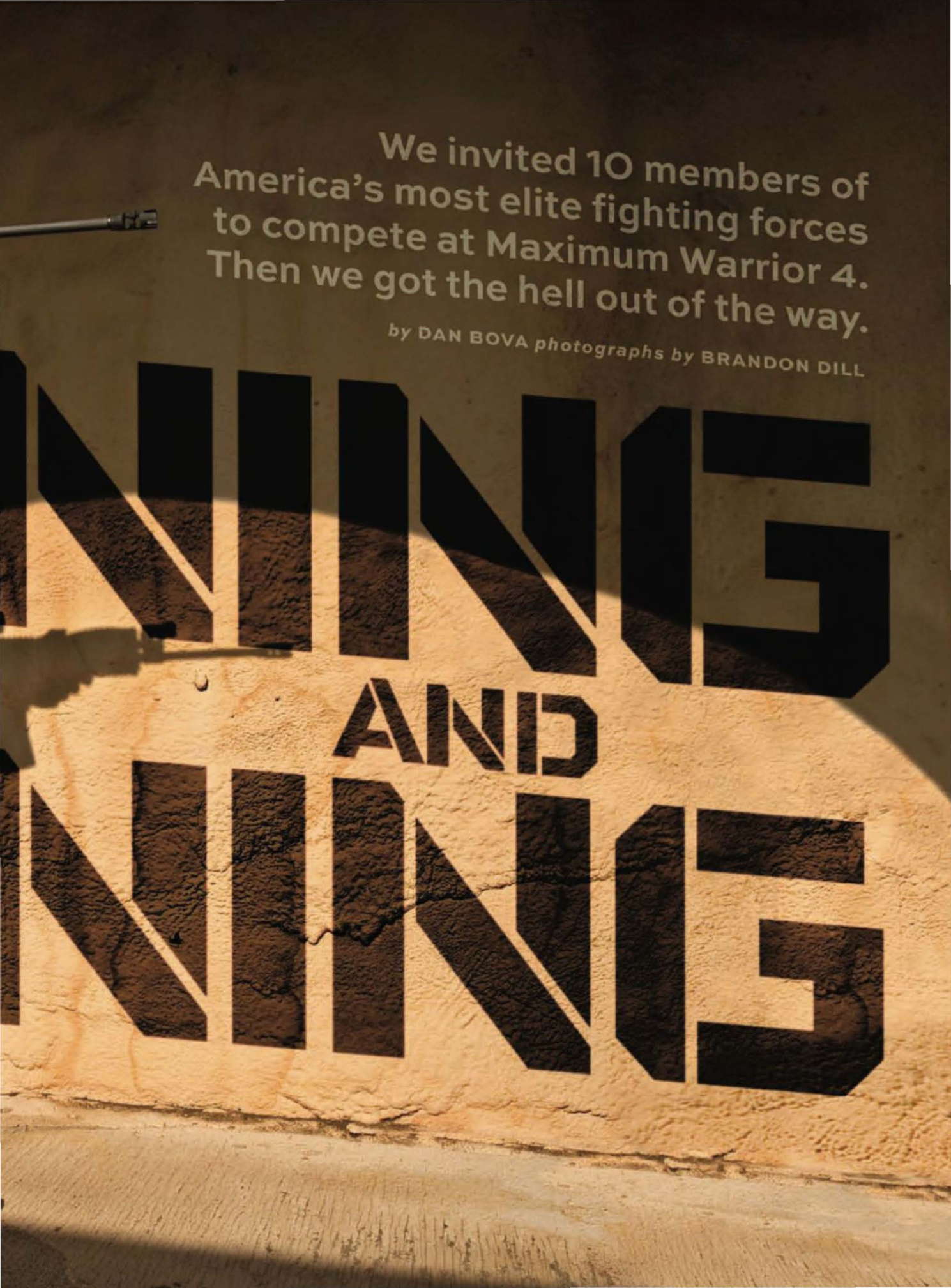
We invited 10 members of America's most elite fighting forces to compete at Maximum Warrior 4. Then we got the hell out of the way.
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"I've been deployed to several war zones, and sometimes I miss being in those shit holes," says Raj Chowdhuri, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces and Special Operations Command and current instructor at T1G, an elite tactical training facility hidden down a dusty road in Crawfordsville, Arkansas. "You'll come through a mountain pass and the landscape can just be fucking gorgeous. But mostly I miss being in those places because you're with your pals and making a difference—"

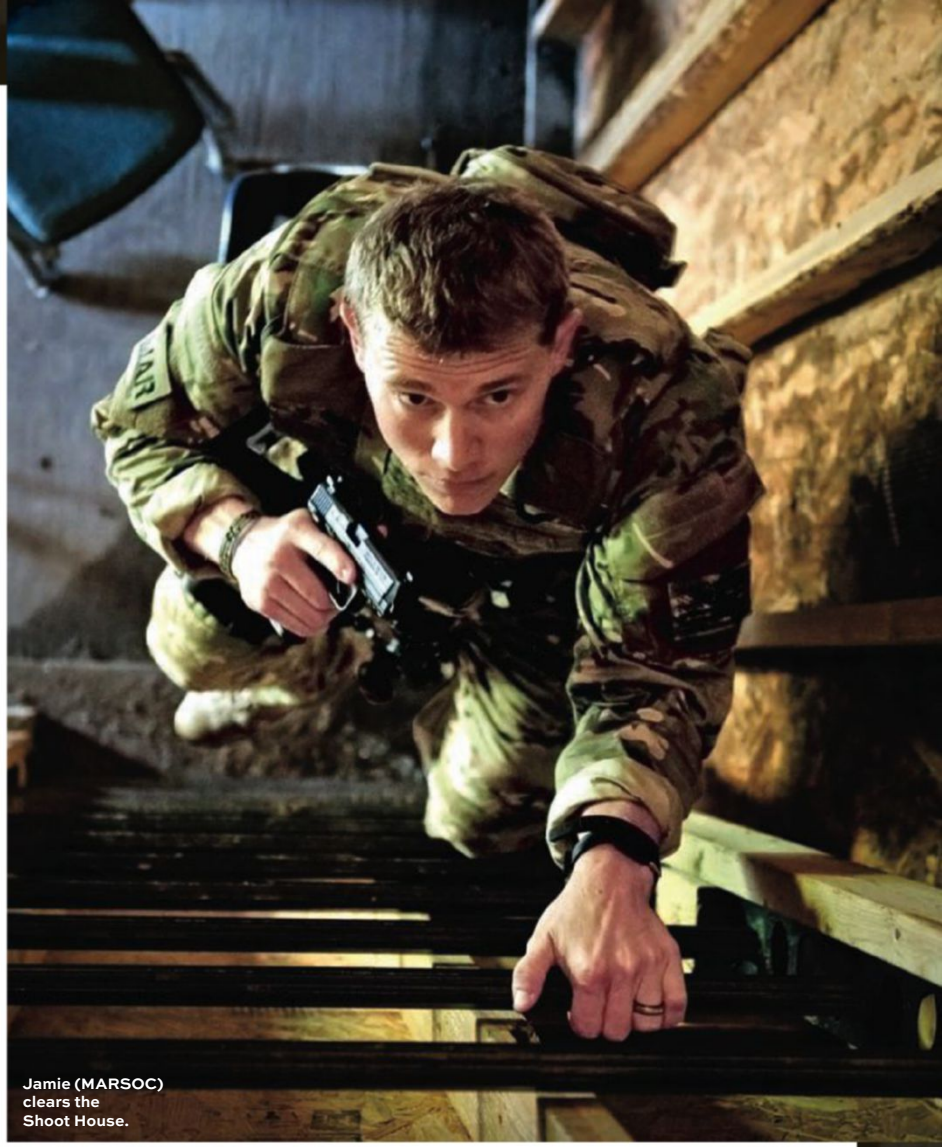
Raj is cut off by the sound of a loud explosion, followed by the sight of an off-road vehicle doing an end-over-end cartwheel 10 feet away from us. Without missing a beat, Raj darts into action to make sure the people inside aren't as mangled as the vehicle's outside.

The driver, a Marine, pops up from the wreckage with a bloodied face and calmly asks, "Can I get another vehicle? Or just fucking run the rest?"

Welcome to Maximum Warrior.

This is the fourth installment of *Maxim*'s competition that pits members of America's Special Ops branches against one another in 10 challenges of strength, tactics, and insanity. The winner will walk away with $10,000 in cash and a truckload of high-performance gear. We're at the Rally Biathlon Challenge, where Warriors have been tasked with completing two loops of an off-road track while engaging targets with their rifles, getting harassed by a chase vehicle, weaving through a simulated minefield, and dealing with not-so-simulated explosions.

"It's typical of training," says Rob French, a Marine Force Recon vet and T1G instructor, of the crash. "The only way to get better is to know your limit. How do you know your limit if you never actually find it? That's what that guy did."



Jamie (MARSOC) clears the Shoot House.

Pushing the limits and dealing with the unexpected is what these Warriors live for. Representing Army Special Forces, Navy SEALs, Marine Force Recon and MARSOC, and USAF Pararescue, this year's contestants have all been in situations that go from bad to really fucking bad in a heartbeat.

Explains Jamie (MARSOC), "In the Marines we always talk about Murphy's Law. You can have the best plan, but you always have to be ready, because Murphy is going to show up at some point and just fuck things up, and you'll have to think of something else on the fly."

Derek (Marine Force Recon) echoes that. "Special Ops guys just have a tough mind-set, and we're not willing to give up. You don't have to be the strongest or the fastest; you just have to be able to think on your toes and not quit."

"Every op I've been on—I don't know how many countless American lives we've saved by taking a bad guy off the street," says Eagle (Navy SEAL). "We're capable of doing it, and I love doing it. It's the equivalent of having a football team: Do the players want to sit on the sideline, or do they want to play in the Super Bowl? And every day out there is the Super Bowl."

You may think that rooming 10 combat specialists competing against one another in the same barracks would lend itself to some, let's say, *impolite* interactions, but, in fact, it's the opposite. Donnie (Army Special Forces), whose hand-to-hand and edged-weapons expertise earned him the nickname Bruce Leroy, explains what many of these guys echo over the course of the week. "Yes, we're competing, but we're all brothers. In the military, out on missions, it's all about the guys to your left and right. It's camaraderie and a brotherhood few can really understand."

Rob (USAF Pararescue) tells me, "In my line of work, I get great satisfaction when we're able to take guys off the battlefield, and all my brothers here are fantastic. I would hate to have to pick them up, but if need be, I would do everything in my power to get them home."

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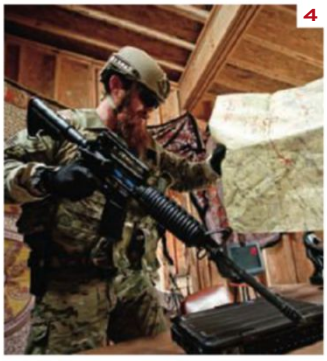

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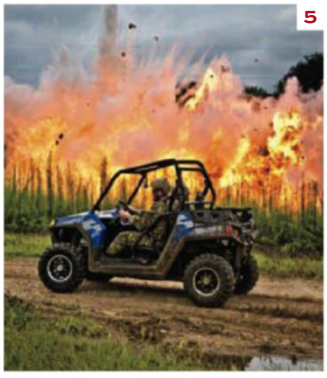

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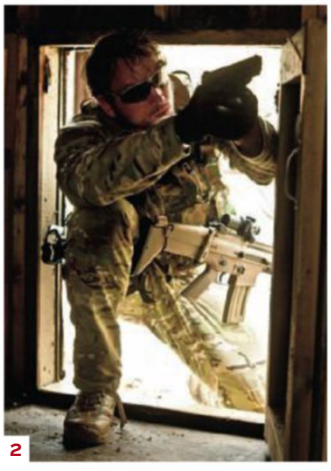

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1.The Warriors find a nice, quiet spot to relax. 2.Jared (Army SF) pays the Afghan village a surprise visit. 3.Dakota (USMC) assesses high-value targets. 4.Tyler (Army SF) gathers enemy intel. 5.Eagle (Navy SEAL) drives it like he stole it.

Among this year's competitors is Dakota Meyer, a returning vet from Maximum Warrior 1 and a Medal of Honor recipient. He's here to help promote the great work he is doing with Hiring Our Heroes and because, well, it's fun. "It's great to be around these guys, competing and helping each other out at the same time," he says.

Looking back at his 13.5 years in the Army Special Forces, Jared tells me, "I look forward to the time in my life when I am a dad and I can sit down and tell my kids about the heroes I knew."

Ret. Special Forces Sgt. Maj. Karl Erickson, the inaugural winner of Maximum Warrior and the twisted bastard who now designs the challenges, says, "The guys have all been friendly and helping each other out with the gear, but make no mistake: They're all fierce competitors–they all want to win."

And true enough, when word comes to the barracks for the Warriors to head to the Afghan village for a hostage extraction, the warm, fuzzy feeling in the room vanishes. Rifles are grabbed, body armor is affixed, game faces are put on: In a flash these Warriors are ready for anything.

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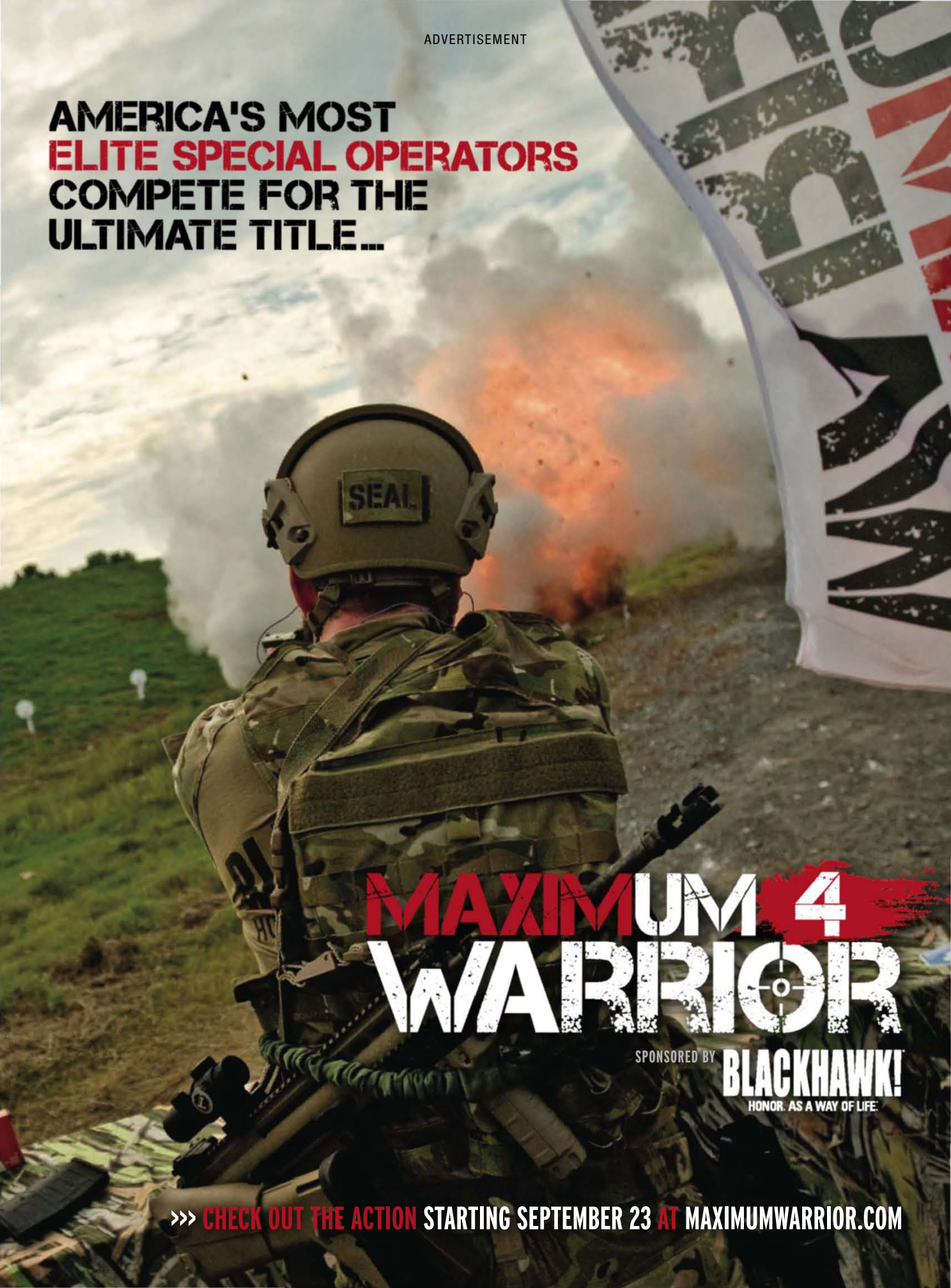

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Unemployment is a real issue for vets, but Medal of Honor recipient **DAKOTA MEYER** is working to change that.

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1. Dakota breaks down how the Personal Branding Resume Engine works. **2.** A vet chats with a prospective employer.

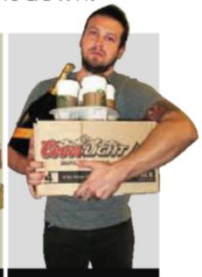
Say you are a Marine sharpshooter just back in the States after serving in Afghanistan and you're looking for a job. Chances are slim that the HR lady where you're applying to work will ask, "So...do you have any experience taking out Taliban from long distances?" Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer, a former Marine sniper himself, knows all too well the difficulties vets from all branches of the Armed Services face trying to break back into the civilian workforce: "A lot of people, when they get out of the military, have a hard time translating to an employer what they did." That's why he, along with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Hiring Our Heroes program and Toyota, recently launched the Personal Branding Resume Engine, which converts military experience to working-world skill sets.

"Take being a sniper," Dakota tells us. "There are a lot of skills involved that an employer probably doesn't know about, such as communication, teamwork, leadership, personnel management, risk management, promptness, and discipline. These are all things an employer can use."

So how does this Personal Branding Resume Engine work, exactly? It's as easy as hitting up resumeengine.org, clicking on your branch of service, and listing everything you did while serving your country. The site does all the rest. It was launched only a few months ago, but Dakota is already hearing an incredibly positive response. "People are talking about it like it's the best thing they've seen," he says proudly. "And that's exactly what we were shooting for." Spoken like a true sniper!

HERO TO ZERO

How does being in the Army compare to interning at *Maxim*? Former sergeant and current coffee fetcher **ADAM LINEHAN** breaks it down.



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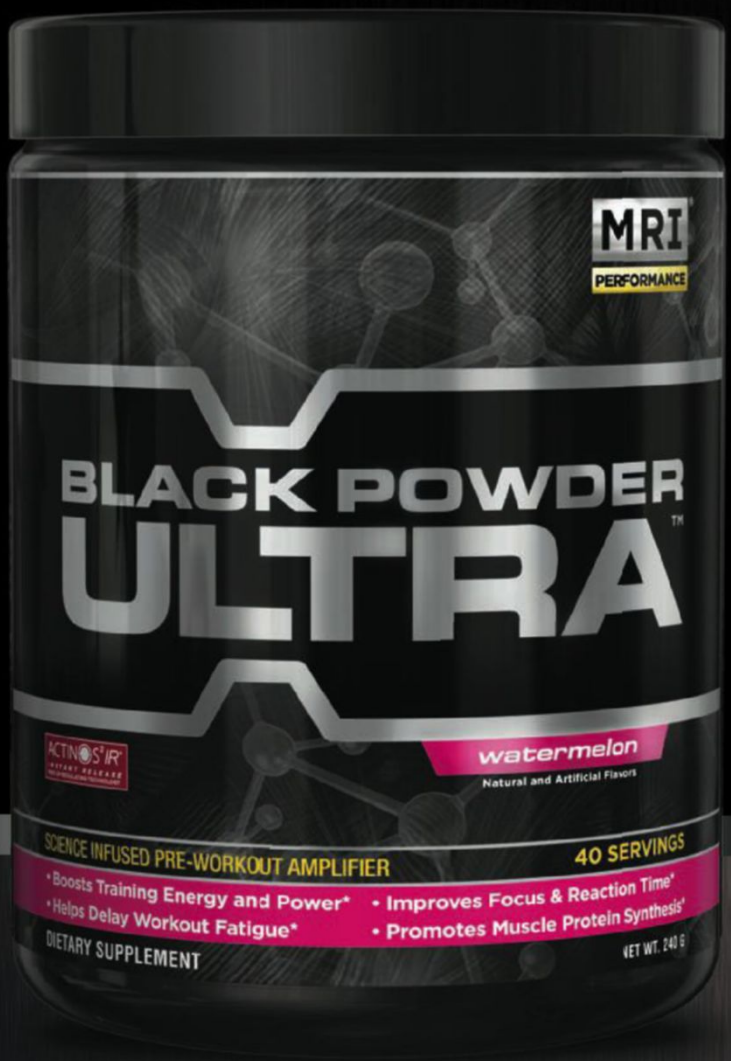

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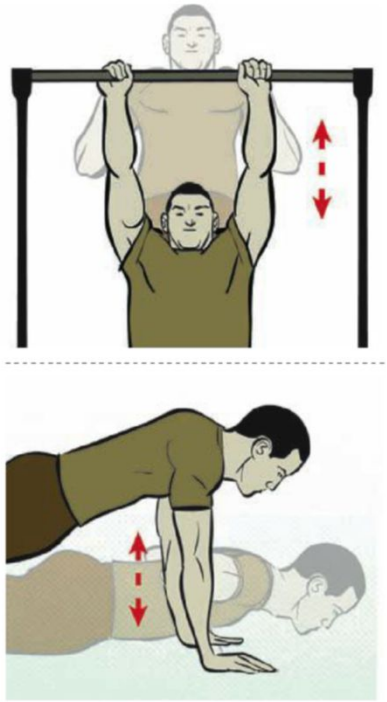
GET SEAL STRONG

A waterless workout from Navy SEAL and MW3 winner **JEFF "BIGGS" WOBIG.**

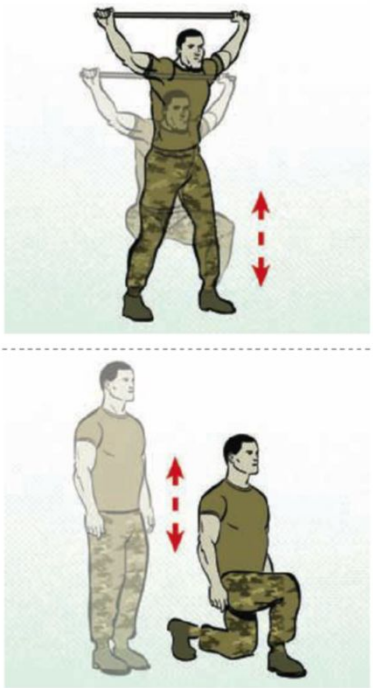
PHYSICAL EXERCISE: PULL-UPS AS PART OF A 60-MINUTE ROUTINE

"I work out for my job. It's essential to have a full body of functionality, and for a Navy SEAL pull-ups are a particularly crucial aspect to achieving that."

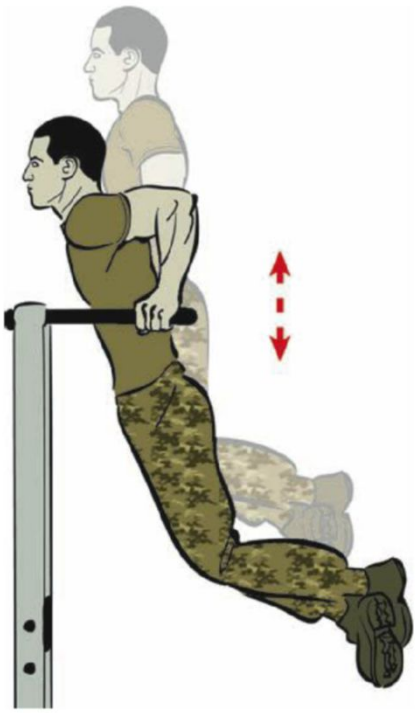
1 Ten pull-ups and 25 push-ups for 10 sets



2 Twenty squats with a PVC bar, 10 lunges (bar optional); 10 sets each

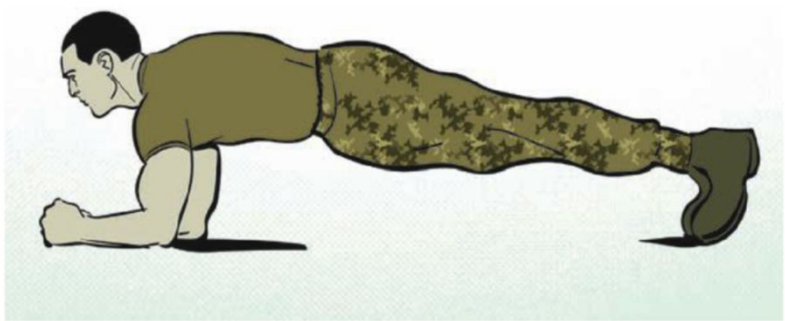


3 Five sets of 30 dips on a dip bar



4 A 5,000-meter row or a three-mile timed run

5 Ten minutes of core exercises, such as planks or just extending your legs six inches off the ground



MENTAL MANEUVER: MAKE IT A LIFESTYLE

"For me the psychological aspect goes directly back to the physical exercise. We push ourselves to the max. We do that one extra rep and then we do another one and then we do another one on top of that to build mental strength. Pushing yourself physically also works as a motivator so that when you're beat down you know you can persevere. Before you go into combat and you're stressing out, you can also clear your mind with a solid workout—and knowing that you're prepared to deal with things physically helps you out mentally. By maintaining a high level of fitness, I am confident that if something were to suddenly go wrong, I already have the experience to deal with it. I'm prepared for it because I've adopted this as a lifestyle. I train for years, months, and weeks, all the way down to the last minute. Every day I'm physically strong, and every day I am mentally strong."

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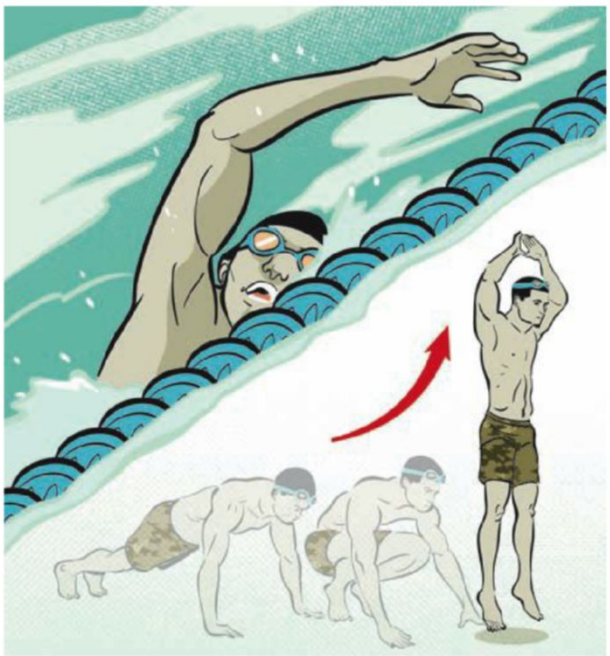
PHYSICAL EXERCISE: EXTREME BURPEES
"As part of Marine training, burpees are incorporated with high-intensity swimming. It's a full-body workout that is good for mobility and can also be turned into a solid cardio routine."



WHAT YOU'LL NEED
"Have a watch or clock nearby. The first minute you do one burpee, the second you do two, the next one you do three. You continue this at the top of every minute and go on until you can't sustain the prescribed amount of burpees within those 60 seconds. A lot of our guys will start failing around the 15th minute, but one guy got to 28. That was over 400 burpees."

BURPEES AND SWIMMING
"We'll start in the deep end of the pool, swim 100 meters, hop out, and do 10 burpees, then get right back in the pool for another lap. To make this more intense, you can implement a jump onto a 24-inch box before the burpee. Instead of swimming laps, you can do sprints between the burpees. There are just so many variations that can make your life miserable."

MENTAL MANEUVER: AN EXTREME SOLO CHALLENGE
"Before I deploy I will come up with something insane that is going to take a complete day, like a combination of a 2,000-meter swim, a 40-mile hike, a 12-mile run, and a 25-mile bike ride. I'm trying to do something that's outside the norm of what I do and what anybody else would do. Pushing myself through whatever hurts and finishing gives me the mental confidence to know what I am capable of in the field."

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED
"We carry between 65 and 85 pounds, but I recommend that your backpack weigh 25 to 30 pounds to start. Make sure to have a substantial amount of food and water with you."

WHERE TO GO
"We try to ruck on varied terrain where we'll hit a lot of hills and have to navigate through water, because that's what we see in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those terrains aren't always accessible, so you can head to a park or run up steep roads or climb hills just to build your physical stamina."

AND HOW FAR
"We do a ruck two to four times a month as a team, and then guys ruck on their own outside that. It's too strenuous to do every day, and particularly hard on the knees. Start off with about three to five miles, especially on your own. Rucking is also a great team-building exercise, so feel free to invite a buddy along."

MENTAL MANEUVER: GET ORGANIZED
"Each guy usually has his own shelf—all your gear is sitting there ready to go at a moment's notice. When I get back from a mission, I put all my stuff back exactly as it was before. Then I start off by cleaning my weapon and go through the rest of the items in the same order. It goes all the way down to putting a Clif Bar in a specific pocket; it basically creates muscle memory."

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MAXIMUM WARRIOR 3 WINNER

How did **JEFF "BIGGS" WOBIG** triumph at our last Warrior challenge? A decade serving in the Navy SEALs may have had something to do with it.

by **DAVID SWANSON** *photograph by* **BRANDON DILL**

Congratulations on your MW3 victory. What did you make of the competition?
I'd seen the first two, and a friend of mine did it two years ago and assured me it was legit. It's a tough competition, and a tough group of guys to go up against. My respect for all of them is extremely high.

Are you a pretty competitive guy?
Extremely competitive. At BUD/S [Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL] training, I realized I am more competitive than your average bear. I'm not a sore loser, but I definitely don't *like* losing. I strive to be the best I can be at all times. It keeps me on my toes, and that helps keep my friends and myself alive.

How did you decide to join the SEALs?
Well, I was what they call a "spirited" kid. Authority and I never mixed too well, so I guess I joined the military to get some discipline. Some people were born to be protectors, and I wanted to protect my family. Ultimately, I decided that the best route was to protect the country that we live in.

What did your family think?
My parents didn't want me to enlist. I think it's a little scary for any mother or father to send their child into the military, especially during a time of war. But I was dedicated, and they were behind me 100 percent. When I was going through hell week during BUD/S training, I got injured, and when you get injured they roll you, and you have to go back and do it all over again. I called my mom, and she said, "What are you doing calling me? You're supposed to be in hell week!" I played a prank on her and said, "No, I quit." She said, "Bullshit. You didn't quit. What the hell happened? My son would never quit!" She believed in me 100 percent and knew I would make it no matter what they threw at me, and I graduated.

How did BUD/S help prepare you for Maximum Warrior?
I think it's probably the hardest military training in the world, although some of the other guys in the competition from other branches of the military might not want to admit it. The one area where I felt like I had a leg up was shooting. I'm a sniper, and I was the only one to clear all my plates on the sniper rack. Long-distance shooting is my specialty, and I take a lot of pride in being a good sniper. I grew up shooting my whole life. I got my first .22 when I was 10. We had a big problem with prairie dogs on our farm. The horses would step in the prairie dog holes and break their legs, so it was my job to take care of the rodents. I owe a lot of the success I had shooting in the military to the way I grew up.

How do you think the 18-year-old you would have done on the course?
I could have handled the physical stuff, but the experience you get as an operator in the field, that's something you can't be taught. I have a little saying: You can't go to 7-Eleven and buy a six-pack of experience. But in 10 years of serving in Special Ops, there's a plethora of missions that helped me–just thinking of the best way or the quickest way to do something. It's not cheating; it's just thinking outside the box and thinking strategically. As an 18-year-old, I wouldn't have had that.

How do you apply that experience when you're operating in the field?
There's a different way of thinking in unconventional warfare. You don't necessarily want to hit someone head-on. This isn't the Civil War, and we're not marching face-to-face shooting at each other. I respect that kind of fighting, but I'd rather hit you from a mile away. I want to fight an *unfair* fight. I damn sure don't want to go in and fight an equal opponent. I want it to be completely mismatched in my favor. Luckily, it's hard to find opponents who can compare to U.S. troops.

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